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Thirty-First Report of the Library Committee and Borough Librarian.

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LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

1907—1908.

Elected November 9th, 1907.

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Secretary and Borough Librarian:
W. H. KEARLEY WRIGHT, F.R. HIST. SOC., F.L.A.

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Senior Assistant: T. J. BURROW.
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Caretakers: E. BURLEY, JOSEPH LUCKHAM.
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Attendant, Laira Branch: J. G. R. ANDERSON.
Attendant, Salisbury Road Branch: THOMAS POTTER.
Attendant: Hyde Park Road Branch: JOHN MADDOCK.

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LIBRARY CHRONOLOGY.

1871 Library Acts Adopted.
1876 Librarian appointed (March).
Library formally opened (August).
1879 Opening of Reference Library (August).
1884 Re-opening of Library after extension of the building (November).
1885 Annual Meeting of the Library Association at Plymouth (September).
1886 Death of Mr. R. C. Serpell, founder of the Library (October 25th).
1888 Establishment of School Libraries.
1892 Opening of Cattedown Road Branch (February). (Closed August, 1901).
1893 Opening of Union Street Branch (October). (Transferred to Oxford Street, 1897.) (Closed 1901).
1894 Death of Mr. William Henry Luke, Honorary Treasurer and Deputy-Chairman (February 27th).
1896 Re-opening of Library after extensive alterations (January).
1897 Opening of Laira Branch (March).
Opening of Compton Branch (April). (Closed May, 1899).
Visit of American Librarians to Plymouth (July).
1898 Opening of Mount Street Branch (February). (Closed May, 1899).
1899 Death of Mr. George R. Barratt, Honorary Treasurer and Deputy-Chairman (August 24th).
Electric Light installed (October).
1900 Re-opening Mount Street Branch (October). (Closed 1901).
1901 Annual Meeting of the Library Association at Plymouth. (August).
1904 Opening of Salisbury Road Branch (March 11th).
Opening of Hyde Park Road Branch (October 7th).
1905 Death of Councillor John Taylor (September).
Resignation of Alderman John Shelly (November).
1906 Mr. Andrew Carnegie's offer accepted (August).
1907 Laying of Foundation Stone (October)

Population of Plymouth, 1876	about 70,000
,, ,, 1908	120,063
Area of the Borough	acres 2,533
Rateable value of Plymouth, 1871	£166,332
,, ,, 1908	£546,463
Number of Volumes in Library, 1908	59,896
Number of Volumes issued during the Municipal year 1907-8 ..	454,550
Number of Volumes issued in all departments since the opening of the Library to the end of March, 1908	8,308,118
Number of Borrowers' Tickets issued 1907-1908	3014
Number of Borrowers enrolled since the opening of the Library ..	83,981
Number of Students' Tickets issued 1907-1908	200

Report of the Deputy Chairman.

It is customary for the Deputy Chairman to furnish a platitude or two of his own by way of foreword to the Annual Report of the Librarian.

In compliance, then, with this practice I would add to the Librarian's record of the past year's progress the assurance if it be needed, that the Committee continue to appreciate very highly Mr. Wright's zeal and counsel, and the efficient work of his staff.

W. L. MUNDAY,

Deputy Chairman.

22nd June, 1908.

Librarian's Report.

To the Right Worshipful the Mayor (the Chairman), the Deputy-Chairman, and the Members of the Library Committee of the Borough of Plymouth.

GENTLEMEN,

In presenting the thirty-first Annual Report of this Institution, I have to speak of continued progress in all departments, and a growing tendency on the part of the reading public to take advantage of the facilities provided.

The statistical tables show that a much larger number of persons has used the library than at any previous stage of its existence. The returns show in nearly all cases an upward tendency.

The additions to the Library during the twelve months ending March 31st, 1908, as shown in Table I. are 1818 volumes, as against 2161 in the previous year; but this is accounted for by the inclusion in my last Report of a large number of Devon and Cornwall prints and pamphlets not previously catalogued.

The Library now contains in all departments 60,000 volumes, of which 35,000 are in the Lending Library, and are available for home reading; about 15,000 in the General Reference Library; and about 10,000 in the Devon and Cornwall Collection. This latter collection includes many of the

best known and standard works relating to West Country people, places, and things, besides many rarities which it would be difficult to replace.

Tables II. to VI. deal respectively with the Classification of Borrowers, and call for no special comment; Table VII. records the issues in the Lending Department, by which it will be seen that our issues during 1907-1908 considerably exceed those of the previous year, the daily average being 1263 as against 1247 in 1906-1907. This Table also includes the School Libraries and Evening Branches.

Table VIII. deals with works consulted in the Reference Library, and here also there is a steady increase.

In Table IX. you will find the total issues in all departments, showing a considerable increase over the previous year; in fact, the return is a record one. The aggregate issues since the opening of the Library in 1876 amount to over eight millions.

Table X. gives the accessions to the Library from year to year, and the manner in which the works are distributed throughout the various Classes (for key to classification see Table I.).

Table XI. indicates that our Evening Branches maintain their popularity and usefulness; it seems a pity therefore that shortness of funds should prevent an extension in this direction to other outlying districts of the town.

Table XII shows that nearly five thousand volumes are in constant circulation amongst the children in the Elementary and other Schools. Here, again, we have undoubtedly met a want, and have moreover set an example which many other libraries have followed.

In September last I attended the thirtieth Annual Conference of the Library Association, held in Glasgow. While in that city I was present at the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the new Library by Mr. Andrew Carnegie, and I had the pleasure of a personal introduction to the generous donor of libraries, thanking him for his gift to Plymouth, and expressing the hope that he would ere long pay a visit to the town, to which he very cordially responded.

I may add that I derived considerable advantage from my visit to Glasgow, as we were enabled to inspect several of the new Branch Libraries in that city, and to look closely into their inner working. The

Lord Provost and Civic Authorities gave us a most hearty reception, and the Local Committee arranged a programme of meetings and visits which was second to none in the annals of the Library Association. I have the honour to retain a seat on the Council, and as one of the few remaining original members, to hold the distinction of being a Fellow of the Library Association.

The usual Appendix to this Report contains a list of the principal donors to the Library; a list of additions; a list of the periodicals supplied to the Central Library and Branches; and matters of interest.

Our Lecture course during the past municipal year was even more successful than the first series, and attracted still larger audiences. From November 2nd, 1907, to April 18th, 1908, they were held weekly, with one or two exceptions, and proved a source of considerable interest to many studious people. I have many promises of lectures for next season, but it is an open question whether they should be held in the evening or in the afternoon as hitherto.

Here follows a list of the Lectures delivered during the period now under review:—

November 2nd, 1907.—The Borough Librarian.
"An Hour with Charles Dickens."
Chairman—Mr. W. L. Munday, C.C.

November 9th, 1907.—Mr. John T. Lowe.
"Walt Whitman, the Prophet Poet."
Chairman—Mr. G. H. Lang.

November 16th, 1907.—Mr. George W. Wherry.
"Tennyson's 'Idylls of the King.'"
Chairman—Mr. Scott Tucker, C.C.

November 23rd, 1907.—Mr. R. A. J. Walling.
"Sir John Hawkins, the Sea-King of Devon."
Chairman—Mr. George Crocker, C.B.

November 30th, 1907.—Mr. J. Newton Hearn.
"The Minor Poems of Thomas Campbell."
Chairman—Rev. J. T. Maxwell.

December 7th, 1907.—Mr. R. E. Pengelly.
"John Ruskin: a Silhouette."
Chairman—Mr. F. W. Llewellyn, C.C.

December 14th, 1907.—The Borough Librarian.
"A Worthy of Devon: Sir Walter Ralegh."
Chairman—Capt. G. H. Inskip, R.N., J.P.

December 21st, 1907.—A Series of Christmas Readings and Recitals from the writings of Charles Dickens, by members of the Dickens Fellowship (Plymouth Branch).
Chairman—Mr. W. H. K. Wright, President.

January 4th, 1908.—Mrs. John Skelton.
"Shakspere's 'Winter's Tale.'"
The Mayoress of Plymouth (Lady Radford) in the chair.

January 11th, 1908.—Mr. W. L. Munday, C.C.
"Shakspere's 'Julius Cæsar.'"
Chairman—Mr. John Skelton (President, Plymouth Shakspere-Literary Society).

January 18th, 1908.—Mr. C. W. Bracken, B.A.
"The Decline of the Elizabethan Drama."
Chairman—Alderman J. F. Winnicott, J.P.

January 25th, 1908.—The Borough Librarian.
"John Gay and the 'Beggar's Opera.'"
Chairman—Mr. F. E. Sach.

February 1st, 1908.—Mr. George J. Michell, B.A.
"Biographical Readings from Thackeray."
Chairman—Rev. W. K. Burford.

February 8th, 1908.—Mr. Collier James.
"Imperial Rome; and the City on the Seven Hills."
Chairman—Mr. J. T. Fouracre, President, Plymouth Institution.

February 15th, 1908.—Mr. Reginald Waddy, A.R.C.O.
"Shakspere and Music; and the Music of his Time," with vocal illustrations.
Chairman—Dr. Samuel Weekes.

February 22nd, 1908.—Rev. Jno. H. Belcher.
"Piers Plowman; a Popular Satire on the English Life of the XIV. Century."
Chairman—Mr. E. R. Hilson.

February 29th, 1908.—Major R. J. Blackham, R.A.M.C.
"Oliver Goldsmith, Poet, Physician, and Philosopher."
Chairman—Mr. W. L. Munday, C.C.

March 7th, 1908.—Mr. T. V. Hodgson.
"The Literature of Natural History."
Chairman—Mr. G. H. Lang.

March 14th, 1908.—Mr. F. E. Sach.
"Addison and the Spectator."
Chairman—Mr. R. A. J. Walling.

March 21st, 1908.—Rev. W. K. Burford.
"Ralph Waldo Emerson."
Chairman—Mr. G. A. Daymond, C.C., Chairman, Devonport Library Committee).

March 28th, 1908.—Mr. F. H. Colson, M.A.
"Andrew Marvell."
Chairman—Mr. H. Montagu Evans.

April 4th, 1908.—The Borough Librarian.
"The Sea-Lore of Shakspere."
Chairman—Mr. C. W. Bracken, B.A.

April 11th, 1908.—Mr. Collier James.
"The Romance of our Cathedrals."
Chairman—Mr. H. Lionel Thornely, F.R.I.B.A.

April 18th, 1908.—The Borough Librarian.
"Madrigals and Madrigal Writers."
(Assisted by Mr. J. H. Lucas and vocalists).
Chairman—Mr. R. G. Evans, R.G.A.

(This Lecture was held in the Corn Exchange.)

In my last report I narrated the circumstances which led to the acceptance by the Town Council of an offer made by Mr. Andrew Carnegie of the sum of £15,000 for the erection of a new Library.

The plans having been approved by Mr. Carnegie and the Town Council, the Architects (Messrs. Thornely and Rooke) were instructed to

procure tenders for the joint Library, Art Gallery, and Museum.

Necessarily the preliminaries occupied several months, but eventually the tender for the buildings of Messrs. Pethick Brothers was accepted, the amount being, for the Library, £11,460; for the Museum, £11,401.

The foundation stones were laid with appropriate civic ceremony on the 16th October, 1907, by the Mayor (Mr. J. F. Winnicott) as Chairman of the Library Committee; and Alderman Thomas Brook, as Chairman of the Museum and Art Gallery Committee. A luncheon was given by Mr. Brook, and a reception by the Mayor, to mark the proceedings, and the work was commenced shortly afterwards.

The Committee continues to receive monthly reports from the Architects, recording the progress of the work, and the quality of the material used.

Some progress has been made in the preparation of Supplementary Catalogues, but the work of printing must necessarily be deferred, owing to the lack of funds, the Council not having granted the full penny rate for the support of the Library as was anticipated. It is hoped that we may soon be in receipt of a larger grant, in order that this and other important preliminary work may not be much longer delayed.

The lamented death of Mr. William Willoughby, who for some time had been a member of the Library Committee, is much regretted.

No change has taken place amongst the senior members of the staff, and the staff generally continue to give thorough satisfaction in the discharge of their duties.

It is gratifying to report that at the annual stocktaking (in spite of the very large turnover), only four books were missing, and these are likely to be traced. I set this down to our indicator system and the accurate check we have on all issues.

Early in the year I started collecting the portraits of the Mayors of Plymouth, limiting my first list to those who had held office during the last thirty-seven years, as this includes all those gentlemen who had from time to time been *ex-officio* Chairmen of the Library Committee. The response to my appeal has been most gratifying, for I have received from the gentlemen themselves, or their representatives, numerous portraits which will

help to adorn, in conjunction with other local portraits, our new Library, and will form a most interesting feature of our local collection.

The following is a list of the portraits of Mayors now in the Library:—

1863-5. Mr. Charles Norrington (oil painting and lithograph).
1870-1. Mr. R. C. Serpell, Founder of the Library (oil painting).
1871-2. Mr. Isaac Latimer (oil painting).
1851-2. 1873-4. } Mr. Alfred Rooker (oil painting).
1874-7. Mr. W. F. Moore (lithograph).
1878-9. 1884-5. } Mr. Edward James (enlarged photograph).
1880-1. Mr. F. A. Morrish (enlarged photograph).
1881-2. Mr. C. F. Burnard (lithograph).
1885-6. Mr. W. H. Alger (photograph).
1887-90. Sir H. J. Waring (lithograph).
1890-1. 1895-6. 1897-8. } Mr. J. T. Bond (enlarged photograph).
1891-2. Mr. F. W. Harris (enlarged photograph).
1896-7. 1907-8. } Sir Charles H. Radford (photograph).
1897-1900. Mr. John Pethick (lithograph).
1900-1. Mr. Robert Risdon (enlarged photograph).
1901-2. Sir Joseph Bellamy (enlarged photograph).
1902-4. Mr. Henry Hurrell (enlarged photograph).
1905-6. Mr. John Yeo (enlarged photograph).
1906-7. Mr. J. F. Winnicott (photograph).

Permit me, in conclusion to thank you for your uniform kindness and support in my efforts to make our Library one of the most popular and largely-used institutions in the town.

Yours very truly,

F. W. R. Wright

May, 1908. *Borough Librarian.*

TABLE I.

Additions made to the Library.

Class Letter.	Works as Classified.	No. of Volumes. 1907	1908	Increase 1908
A	Theology, Religion, and Philosophy ..	1378	1442	64
B	Biography and Correspondence ..	2937	3055	118
C	History, Voyages, and Travels ..	4249	4337	88
D	Education, Political Economy, &c. ...	941	967	26
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History ..	1907	1937	30
F	Poetry, Classics, and the Drama ..	1835	1925	90
G	Prose Fiction	8375	8855	480
H	Miscellaneous Works	250	250	..
I	Magazines and Reviews	3398	3517	119
M	Music	309	313	4
R	Books for the Blind	153	153	..
J, S	Juvenile Books, including School Libraries	7721	7999	278
K	Reference Works (Reference Library) ..	14328	14664	336
L	Devon and Cornwall Library	10297	10482	185
	TOTALS ..	58078	59896	1818

TABLE II.

Register of Borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets issued previously, as per Thirty published Reports	80,967
Borrowers' Tickets issued since the publication of the last Report	2,406
Students' Tickets	200
Laira Branch	211
Salisbury Road Branch	106
Hyde Park Road Branch	91
	83,981

TABLE III.

Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year, with reasons assigned.

Borrowers left the town	36
,, deceased	5
,, withdrawn	12
Guarantor withdrawn	1
Cancelled (unclaimed)	38
	92

TABLE IV.

Ages of Borrowers enrolled during the twelve months ending March 31st, 1908.

Under 15 years			382
From 15 to 20 years			566
,, 20 to 25 ,,			342
,, 25 to 30 ,,			196
,, 30 to 40 ,,			302
,, 40 to 50 ,,			133
,, 50 to 60 ,,			84
,, 60 upwards			72
Ages not recorded ·	Burgesses	502	
,,	Non-Burgesses	435	
			937
			3,014

TABLE V.

Residential Distribution of Borrowers

	Burgess	Non-Burgess	Total
Vintry Ward	22	40	62
St. Andrew's Ward	18	126	144
Hoe Ward	25	168	193
Millbay Ward	14	84	98
St. Peter's Ward	20	78	98
Frankfort Ward	16	134	150
Drake's Ward	42	118	160
Charles' Ward	36	136	172
Greenbank Ward	45	118	163
Mutley Ward	82	319	401
Compton Ward	62	146	208
Laira Ward	85	258	343
Friary Ward	42	168	210
Sutton Ward	21	118	139
Non-Residents	—	65	65
Borrowers at Laira Branch	78	133	211
,, Salisbury Road Branch	45	61	106
,, Hyde Park Road Branch	23	68	91
	676	2,338	3,014

TABLE VI.

Occupations of Borrowers, 1907-1908.

Classification.	*No.*
Accountants, Clerks, &c.	291
Agents and Managers	46
Apprentices	36
Architects	16
Artists	5
Assistants, Shop	50
Bakers and Confectioners	26
Booksellers and Stationers	3
Boot and Shoe Makers	18
Builders and Contractors	12
Butchers, &c.	7
Cabinet Makers, Carpenters, and Joiners	40
Chemists, Druggists, &c.	24
Civil Service Officials	26
Clergy and Ministers	30
Commercial Travellers	36
Customs and Board of Trade Officials	16
Dairymen, Gardeners, &c.	14
Dentists	15
Domestic Servants	43
Drapers	45
Draughtsmen	4
Electricians	17
Engineers and Engine Fitters	59
Engravers and Lithographers	10
Errand Boys, Office Boys, and Messengers	18
Foremen	10
Grocers and Tea Dealers	19
Hair Dressers	19
Inspectors	10
Ironmongers	7
Journalists, Reporters, &c.	5
Labourers and Porters	8
Lawyers, &c.	8
Mariners	14
Married Women (so specified)	93
Masons and Plasterers	23
Medical Men	4
Merchants and Manufacturers	28
Milliners and Dressmakers	35
Musicians, Tuners, &c.	16
Nurses	9
Officers, Army and Navy	45
Painters and Decorators	24
Pawnbrokers	8
Pensioners	25
Photographers	6
Plumbers and Gasfitters	17
Police Officers	7
Printers and Compositors	21
Railway Officials	16
Sailmakers	2
School Children and Students	316
School Masters, Mistresses, and Teachers	190
Shipwrights	25
Shopkeepers	32
Smiths, Stokers, &c.	16
Spinsters (so specified)	18
Surveyors	5
Tailors and Outfitters, &c.	30
Tobacconists	8
Typists	16
Upholsterers	12
Waiters	8
Warehousemen	12
Watchmakers, Jewellers, &c.	18
Widows (so specified)	10
Occupations not recorded, or persons having no settled occupation	912
Total	3,014

TABLE VII.

Return of Issues in the Central and Branch Lending Departments, from April 1st, 1907, to March 31st, 1908, with Monthly Totals and Averages.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Theology and Philosophy.	B—Biography and Correspondence.	C—History, Voyages and Travels.	D—Political Econ. and Education.	E—Art, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Classics, and Drama.	G—Prose Fiction.	I—Magazines and Reviews.	J—Juvenile Works.	L—Local Works.	M—Musical Works.	R—Books for Blind.	S and T—Schools and Evening Branches.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1907.																
April ..	25	267	474	615	219	656	360	8,715	859	1,953	740	163	* 153 Volumes on loan at the Blind Institution.	17,119	* 153 32,140	1,285
May ..	26	285	489	645	246	681	385	9,196	866	1,904	769	168		17,190	32,824	1,262
June ..	25	255	486	635	239	702	378	8,926	827	1,858	772	190		17,404	32,672	1,306
July ..	27	280	470	623	257	688	381	8,934	862	1,947	757	181		17,021	32 401	1,200
August ..	26	196	346	449	187	470	252	8,322	557	1,945	517	117		17,150	30,508	1,173
September	25	241	419	574	203	597	350	8,441	731	1,740	718	182		17,015	31,211	1,248
October ..	27	262	501	674	275	667	389	9,075	890	1,989	804	213		17,116	32,855	1,216
November	26	289	548	752	301	765	447	9,607	922	2,056	860	232		17,136	33,015	1,304
December	24	359	564	592	347	666	446	7,706	783	1,744	640	210		16,951	31,008	1,292
1908.																
January ..	17	233	318	395	221	392	300	5,400	511	1,106	440	184		11,029	20,529	1,207
February ..	25	391	587	706	336	715	505	8,822	966	1,977	870	289		17,292	33,456	1,338
March ..	26	368	602	721	364	717	545	9,399	1,004	2,027	914	378		17,069	34,108	1,311
Totals ..	299	3426	5804	7381	3195	7716	4,738	102,543	9,778	22,246	8,801	2,507		199,492	377,780	1,263

TABLE VIII.

Works consulted in the Reference Department (including Devon and Cornwall Books) from April 1st, 1907, to March 31st, 1908, inclusive.

MONTH.	Days Open	A—Biblical and Religious Works	B—Biographical Works	C—General History, Travels, &c.	D—Dictionaries, Encyclopædias, and other comprehensive Works	E—Arts, Science, and Natural History	F—Poetry, Drama, and the Classics	G—Fiction and General Literature	H—Heraldic and Genealogical Works	I—Magazines, Reviews, and Newspapers	J—General Topographical Works	L—Works relating to Devon and Cornwall	TOTAL	Daily Average
1907														
April ..	25	296	292	337	980	410	360	172	248	2,105	369	450	6,019	240
May ..	26	281	378	347	989	341	346	183	349	2,304	380	545	6,443	247
June ..	25	211	308	379	958	403	315	209	296	2,339	273	524	6,215	248
July ..	27	237	233	399	1,045	387	224	183	306	2,199	347	560	6,120	226
August ..	26	272	352	479	1,071	353	245	183	306	2,294	405	590	6,550	251
September	25	254	282	461	1,098	391	265	145	295	2,097	379	547	6,214	248
October ..	27	268	316	389	1,191	386	286	179	273	2,168	387	566	6,409	237
November	26	278	315	333	1,124	390	405	172	326	2,529	448	530	6,850	263
December.	24	268	358	457	1,085	366	290	159	294	2,252	416	510	6,455	268
1908														
January ..	27	284	254	410	1,017	328	311	156	301	2,458	354	585	6,458	239
February	25	298	322	480	1,086	392	322	145	319	2,423	403	493	6,683	267
March ..	26	266	283	384	1,036	390	314	116	285	2,367	380	533	6,354	244
Totals—	309	3,213	3,693	4,855	12,680	4,537	3,683	2,002	3,598	27,535	4,541	6,433	76,770	248

TABLE IX.

Statement of the work of the Library in all Departments comprised in the thirty-one published Reports.

Year.	Days Open.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	R	S & T	TOTALS	Daily Average.
1876-85	2566	12,494	38,424	91,202	6,559	34,936	23,347	664,765	22,762	107,727	175,768	173,972	34,302	..	..	..	1,386,258	540
1886 ..	285	1,113	2,354	6,184	550	3,384	1,989	69,000	1,534	10,452	19,859	40,806	3,958	..	..	..	160,823	564
1887 ..	287	1,278	2,280	5,875	644	2,960	1,642	66,665	1,465	11,019	21,702	28,979	3,392	..	..	..	147,901	515
1888-89	351	1,343	3,390	9,513	709	3,386	1,990	86,547	2,918	12,509	84,113	37,857	7,464	..	..	..	251,739	710
1889-90	156 289	404	1,418	3,794	236	1,508	716	35,701	1,224	5,016	51,360	33,553	3,247	..	..	..	138,177	670 L.D. 116 R.D.
1890-91	286	777	2,474	6,974	358	2,207	1,095	64,813	2,038	9,362	104,404	32,133	5,217	..	..	..	231,852	810
1891-92	290	815	2,489	6,579	482	2,339	1,352	59,889	1,204	8,783	88,819	43,252	3,835	..	..	11,350	231,188	797
1892-93	285	711	2,010	4,615	590	2,275	1,032	56,457	859	8,909	12,977	49,151	393	..	..	112,365	252,344	885
1893 94	288	963	1,818	4,920	798	2,384	1,013	57,629	1,071	7,997	15,065	52,414	847	..	..	154,500	301,419	1,046
1894-95	285	1,073	2,022	4,381	819	2,138	758	54,932	987	6,081	14,564	58,366	1,811	..	..	144,667	292,599	1,026
1895.96	112	467	958	2,340	189	1,175	478	25 545	434	2,957	7,224	21,224	1,235	..	..	128,705	192,931	1,722
1896-97	284 302	990	3,279	7,527	541	4,022	1,665	76,032	1,090	7,562	17,145	65,304	4,466	..	302	135,436	325,361	915 L.D. 216 R.D.
1897-98	299 300	1,437	5,009	7,600	618	4,814	1,303	81,401	955	6,904	11,990	66,306	4,437	..	459	184,319	377,552	1040 L.D. 221 R.D.
1898-99	294 300	1,084	4,005	6,707	649	4,707	2,193	66,394	499	5,550	7,977	62,901	4,982	561	256	210,346	378,811	1074 L.D. 209 R.D.
1899-00	292	926	3,276	6,082	522	3,270	1,229	56,686	203	5,987	8,541	55,936	3,347	674	226	199,366	346,271	994 L.D. 191 R.D.
1900-01	297	1,006	2,939	6,066	583	3,125	1,265	62,228	134	6,607	8,920	62,128	4,126	1,025	135	219,553	379,840	1069 L.D. 209 R.D.
1901-02	293	1,191	3,418	5,287	769	4,597	1,367	63,493	14	6,925	6,743	65,121	4,217	1,182	72	200,488	364,884	1023 L.D. 222 R.D.
1902-03	295 297	2,033	5,346	7,489	1,766	6,935	3,180	72,016	..	8,079	7,474	70,609	5,732	1,614	153	195,658	388,084	1076 L.D. 237 R.D.
1903-04	294 296	2,259	5,251	7,358	1,580	7,110	3,660	86,148	..	9,025	11,485	70,864	6,954	2,087	153	186,380	400,314	1120 L.D. 239 R.D.
1904-05	295 301	2,583	5,922	8,256	2,800	8,160	4,453	100,821	..	10,352	19,420	72,281	9,319	2,371	153	169,755	416,646	1167 L.D. 240 R.D.
1905-06	298 303	3,098	5,942	8,183	3,372	8,420	4,697	100,501	..	10,221	19,961	73,087	9,170	2,197	153	198,546	447,548	1256 L.D. 241 R.D.
1906-07	294 301	2,797	5,086	7,017	2,845	7,395	3,938	96,930	..	9,839	20,392	74,347	8,129	1,873	153	100,285	441,026	1247 L.D. 247 R.D.
1907-08	299 309	3,426	5,804	7,381	3,195	7,716	4,738	102,543	..	9,778	22,246	76,770	8,801	2,507	153	199,492	454,550	1263 L.D. 248 R.D.
Totals ..		44,268	114,914	231,330	31,174	128,963	69,100	2,207,136	39,391	287,641	758,149	1,387,361	139,021	16,091	2,368	2,851,211	8,308,118	

TABLE X *

Showing the Accessions in all Departments of the Library from year to year since the opening in August, 1876, and the present state of the Library Stock.

Year.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	R	S	Totals.	Yearly Increase.
1876-77	326	744	1,637	145	487	469	1,373	431	759	473	666	368	..	..	..	7,908	..
1878..	404	863	1,854	205	595	513	1,686	597	1,116	513	975	583	..	..	..	9,906	1,998
1879..	451	917	1,920	229	661	608	1,795	613	1,227	668	1,426	746	..	..	..	11,261	1,355
1880..	478	967	1,944	256	698	628	2,031	619	1,270	769	1,970	1,091	..	..	..	12,721	1,460
1881..	509	1,024	2,061	289	730	690	2,265	633	1,380	876	2,155	1,397	..	..	..	14,009	1,288
1882..	580	1,086	2,147	311	825	720	2,375	639	1,557	984	2,629	1,666	..	..	..	15,519	1,510
1883..	625	1,109	2,163	324	849	754	2,457	645	1,614	1,047	3,345	2,110	..	..	..	17,042	1,523
1884..	629	1,129	2,220	353	898	782	2,636	650	1,670	1,069	5,200	2,290	..	..	..	19,506	2,464
1885..	656	1,162	2,254	380	959	828	2,811	661	1,754	1,118	5,670	2,655	..	..	..	20,908	1,402
1886..	689	1,282	2,390	424	1,029	848	3,218	741	1,844	1,284	6,480	2,743	..	..	..	22,972	2,064
1887..	708	1,354	2,514	459	1,115	878	3,419	805	1,908	1,734	6,750	2,958	..	..	..	24,602	1,630
1888-89	751	1,433	2,624	479	1,182	912	3,649	892	2,116	2,480	7,045	3,275	..	..	..	26,833	2,231
1889-90	758	1,502	2,688	494	1,210	959	4,041	918	2,159	2,787	7,559	3,895	..	..	..	28,970	2,137
1890-91	794	1,561	2,820	523	1,256	990	4,304	957	2,232	2,934	8,040	4,320	..	..	..	30,731	1,761
1891-92	816	1,618	2,894	601	1,303	1,008	4,582	970	2,314	2,997	8,325	5,464	..	..	..	33,533	2,802
1892-93	867	1,678	2,955	625	1,354	1,075	4,749	981	2,442	3,892	8,630	6,003	..	..	110	35,361	1,828
1893-94	892	1,731	3,037	637	1,406	1,102	5,035	983	2,506	4,290	9,592	6,350	..	..	238	37,799	2,438
1894-95	935	1,777	3,076	657	1,443	1,118	5,203	989	2,588	936	10,063	6,897	..	..	3,074	38,960	1,161
1895-96	947	1,802	3,118	662	1,471	1,144	5,377	990	2,680	967	10,411	7,356	..	..	3,236	40,161	1,201
1896-97	959	1,945	3,205	670	1,567	1,226	5,671	992	2,737	980	10,701	7,789	..	138	3,496	42,076	1,915
1897-98	978	2,291	3,276	688	1,594	1,273	5,937	999	2,856	999	11,087	8,021	..	255	3,837	44,091	2,015
1898-99	985	2,361	3,336	745	1,624	1,316	6,110	699	2,970	1,034	11,461	8,282	81	270	4,004	45,278	1,187
1899-00	1,024	2,438	3,464	758	1,660	1,458	6,154	365	2,006	1,041	11,799	8,373	108	281	4,268	46,197	919
1900-01	1,051	2,513	3,677	773	1,686	1,533	6,323	250	3,088	1,042	12,296	8,709	119	290	4,222	47,572	1,375
1901-02	1,073	2,539	3,733	789	1,698	1,594	6,521	250	3,146	1,057	12,694	9,022	119	290	4,380	48,905	1,333
1902-03	1,286	2,615	3,841	814	1,736	1,688	6,796	250	3,184	1,070	13,023	9,215	187	153	4,676	50,534	1,629
1903-04	1,302	2,694	3,940	827	1,780	1,723	7,130	250	3,261	1,150	13,387	9,367	188	153	5,385	52,537	2,003
1904-05	1,325	2,764	4,038	877	1,812	1,768	7,525	250	3,319	1,183	13,757	9,526	278	153	5,701	54,276	1,739
1905-06	1,363	2,844	4,116	918	1,853	1,791	7,896	250	3,386	1,220	14,058	9,668	309	153	6,092	55,917	1,641
1906-07	1,378	2,937	4,249	941	1,907	1,835	8,375	250	3,398	1,282	14,328	10,297	309	153	6,439	58,078	2,161
1907-08	1,442	3,055	4,337	967	1,937	1,925	8,855	250	3,517	1,331	14,664	10,482	313	153	6,668	59,896	1,818

*—For Key to Classification, see Tables VII. and VIII.

TABLE XI.

BRANCH EVENING READING ROOMS.

Return of Monthly Issues and Attendance.

Month.	Laira.		Salisbury Road		Hyde Park Rd.	
	Issues.	Attendance.	Issues.	Attendance.	Issues.	Attendance.
1907.						
April ..	423	954	307	995	407	1,087
May ..	523	959	302	1,012	399	1,132
June ..	593	993	342	1,338	417	1,389
July ..	495	1,026	253	1,048	294	1,011
August ..	529	1,043	295	1,114	295	1,265
September ..	475	955	265	1,015	288	1,150
October ..	604	1,051	246	1,019	343	1,148
November ..	627	987	318	1,315	388	1,376
December ..	452	890	227	938	278	977
1908.						
January ..	486	1,006	239	1,043	310	1,010
February ..	584	921	321	1,237	358	1,356
March ..	563	987	259	992	293	1,056
Totals ..	6,354	11,772	3,374	13,066	4,070	13,957

Table showing Progress at Branch Evening Reading Rooms.

Branch.	1906-7.		1907-8.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Issues.	Attendance.	Issues.	Attendance.	Issu's	Attd.	Issu's	Attd.
Laira ..	6,331	11,224	6,354	11,772	23	548	..	..
Salisbury Road ..	3,509	13,247	3,374	13,066	..	..	135	181
Hyde Pk. Road ..	4,332	14,599	4,070	13,957	..	..	262	642
Totals ..	14,172	39,070	13,798	38,795	..	..	374	275

TABLE XII.

The following is a List of School Libraries with number of Volumes supplied from the Central Library:—

Cattedown Road	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Charles'	Boys	50
,,	Girls	50
Christ Church	Boys	50
Compton	Mixed	100
Grey Coat	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Holy Cross	Boys	100
*Holy Trinity	Boys	60
,, ,,	Girls	60
Household of Faith	Girls	50
Hyde Park Road	Boys	150
,, ,, ,,	Girls	150
King Street	Boys	100
Laira Green	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Mount Street	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
North Road	Girls	100
Oxford Street	Boys	100
Palace Court	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Public School, Cobourg Street	Mixed	88
Regent Street	Higher Grade	450
St. Andrew's	Boys	75
,,	Girls	50
St. Boniface	Boys	50
St. Catharine's	Boys	25
,,	Girls	25
St. James'	Boys	100
* ,,	Girls	100
St. John's	Boys	120
,,	Girls	120
St. Peter's	Boys	120
,,	Girls	100
Salisbury Road	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	120
Technical Schools	Pupil Teachers' Centre	440
Treville Street	Boys	100
Union Street	Boys	100
Wolsdon Street	Girls	100
* ,, ,,	Girls	100
		4,703

* These Schools will be supplied in due course.

School Libraries.

The following regulations are in force for the management of School Libraries:—

(*a*) The Principal Teachers are held responsible for the proper cataloguing, issuing, collecting, and exchanging of the books for their respective departments, but may delegate the work of registration, etc., to an Assistant Teacher, or arrange for the work to be done in rotation by all the Assistants in the School.

(*b*) On the receipt, return, or transfer of books from the Free Library, each book shall be entered on the School Catalogue in the Form determined.

(*c*) A record shall be kept in the "Lending Book" of the names and addresses of the children making use of the Library, and the date and number of each book taken out or returned. Only one work at a time shall be taken by the same child.

(*d*) The whole of the children whose names appear on the Admission Register of the Department, and who are working in or above Standard III. shall be entitled to the benefit of the Library. The Principal Teacher may, however, have the right of withholding books from those who are known to have wilfully or carelessly damaged or injured any of the books taken out of the said Libraries.

(*e*) A specified time in each week, most convenient to each particular School, shall be fixed for the issue and collection of books, which shall apply to all children referred to in Section D, and such times shall be inserted on the labels affixed to the books, and shall be exhibited on a card hung on the walls of the Schoolroom.

(*f*) A list or catalogue of the books in the School, lent by the Library Committee, shall be hung in the School where it can be easily seen and referred to by the children.

(*g*) Each set of books at certain periods shall be returned direct to the Free Library; books worn out or otherwise unfit for circulation being replaced by new copies or other works when deemed desirable. Any School Library may, however, be retained for a further term, if so desired by the Principal Teachers.

(*h*) All books in circulation, with the remaining portion of the School Library not in circulation, shall be collected together at the School for inspection twice in each year, immediately before the Summer and Winter holidays, or at such times as may be fixed by the Librarian.

(*i*) The General Rules of the Free Library Committee shall, as far as applicable, be observed, and the Teachers shall make such periodical returns as the Librarian may require.

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AND EVENING READING ROOMS.

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*Alliance News	W
Animal World	M
*Animal's Friend	M
Antiquary	M
Army List	M and Q
Art Journal	M
*Aspirant (*e*)	W
Athenæum	W
*Auckland Star	W
*Banner of Israel	W
Bazaar, Exchange and Mart	TRI-W
*Belfast News	W
*Bible Treasury	M
*Bideford Weekly Gazette	W
Black and White (*e*)	W
*Blackpool Times	W
Blackwood's Magazine	M
*Bladud	W
*Board of Trade Journal	W
*Bodmin Guardian	W
Bookseller	M
Boys' Own Paper	W
*British Homes (*e*)	M
*British Temperance Advocate	M
British Weekly	W
British Workman (*e*)	M
British Workwoman	M
Broad Arrow	W
Builder	W
Building News (*e*)	W
Building World	W
*Canadian Gazette	W
*Canadian Life	M
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*Catholic Times	W
*Catholic Weekly	W
Century Magazine	M
*Certificate Examiner	F
Chamber's Journal (*e*)	M
*Charles' Parish Magazine	M
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*Christian Life	W
*Christian Science Journal	M
*Christian Science Sentinel	W
Chums (*e*)	W
Church Gazette	M
*Church in the West	M
*Church Intelligencer	M
*Church Quarterly Review	Q
*Church Times	W
*Civil Service Candidate	W
*Civil Service Competitor (*e*)	W
Civilian	W
*Clarion	W
*Clerk of Works Association Journal	M
*Colonial Circulars	Q
Connoisseur	M
Contemporary Review	M
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*Co-operative News	W
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Country Life (*e*)	W
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Daily Mail (*e*)	D
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*Dartmouth Chronicle	W
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*Devon and Somerset W. News	W
*Devonia (*e*)	M
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*Electrical Engineer	W
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Family Friend	M
Field	W
*Food and Cookery	M
*Foresters' Miscellany	M
Fortnightly Review	M
*Freeman's Journal	D
*Freeman's Weekly	W
*Garden City	M
Gardener (*e*)	W
Gardener's Magazine	W
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Ilfracombe Chronicle	W
Illustrated London News (*e*)	W
Illustrated Western Weekly News (*e*)	W
*Individualist	M
*Inquirer	W
*Insurance Agent	M
*Investors' Guardian	W
*Jewish Chronicle	W
*Journal of British Architects	F
*Justice (*e*)	W
*Kingsbridge Gazette	W
Knowledge	M
Labour News	W
Lady (*e*)	W
Lady's Field	W
Lady's Pictorial	W
Lady's Realm	M
*Launceston Weekly News	W
*Laundry Journal	F
*L.G.O. (Local Government Officer)	W
*Liberty Review	M
Library World	M
*Liverpool Chamber of Commerce Monthly Magazine	M
*Local Government Chronicle	W
*London Opinion	W
*London Stockmarket Report	D
*Machinery Market	W and M
Madame	W
Magazine of Commerce	M
*Mariner	M
*"Mercury" Magazine	M
*Metropolitan (Local Government Journal)	W
*Mission Field	M
Morning Leader	D
Morning Post (*e*)	D
*Motor Traction	W
Munsey's Magazine (*e*)	M
*Musical Herald	M
Musical Times	M
*Musicians' Monthly Journal	M
Nation (*e*)	W
*Nation in Arms	M
*National Temperance Quarterly	Q
Nature	W
*Nature Notes	M
Naval and Military Directory	M
Naval and Military Record (*e*)	W
*Navy League Journal	M
Navy List	M and Q
Navy List, Lean's Royal	Q
*New Church Magazine	M
*Newquay Guardian	W
*New Zealand Farmer	M
Nineteenth Century	M
*North Devon Herald	W
*Northern Whig	D
Notes and Queries	W
*Nottingham Daily Express	D
*Oddfellows' Magazine	M
*One and All	M
*Our Own Gazette	M
*Our Work	M
Outlook (*e*)	W
*Palestine Exploration Statement	Q
Pall Mall Gazette	D
Pall Mall Magazine (*e*)	M
*Paper Maker	M
*Patent Office Index	M
*Patent Office Journal	W
*Patent Office Journal (Australian)	W
Pearson's Magazine (*e*)	M
Pearson's Weekly (*e*)	W
Penny Illustrated Paper (*e*)	W
Penny Magazine (*e*)	W
Penny Pictorial Magazine (*e*)	W
*Penryn Advertiser	W
People (*e*)	W
*Philatelic Journal	M
*Phonetic Journal	W
*Poor-Law Officer's Journal	W
*Postivist's Review	M
*Practical Engineer	W
*Present Truth	W
*Printer's Register	M

Public Opinion (*e*)	W
Publisher's Circular	W
Punch (*e*)	W
Quarterly Review	Q
Queen (*e*)	W
*Queensland Government Gazette	M
*Queensland Government Mining Journal	M
*Queenslander	W
Quiver (*e*)	M
*Railway Review	W
*Register of Deceased Seamen	M
*Reports—Marine Department, Board of Trade	M
Review of Reviews (*e*)	M
Reynold's Newspaper	W
*Richmond and Twickenham Times	W
*Royal Cornwall Gazette	W
*St. Andrew's Parochial Magazine	M
St. James's Gazette	D
*Salcombe Times	W
Saturday Review	W
*Scotsman	W
Scribner's Magazine	M
Shipping Gazette and Lloyd's List	D
Shipping Weekly Summary	W
*Shipping World	W
*Shorthand Gazette	M
Sketch (*e*)	W
*Social Democrat	M
*South Australian Register	W
Spectator	W
Sphere (*e*)	W
*Staffordshire Advertiser	W
*Staffordshire Sentinel	W
Standard (*e*)	D
*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal	M
*State Correspondent	M
Stationery World	M
Strand Magazine (*e*)	M
*Student's Journal	M
Studio	M
*Success Ladder	M
Sunday at Home (*e*)	M
*Tasmanian Mail	W
Tatler	W
*Temperance Advocate	W
*Theosophical Review	M
Times	D
*Torquay Directory	W
*Totnes Times	W
*Town and Country (Sydney)	W
T.P.'s Weekly (*e*)	W
Trade Marks Journal	W
Trade Marks Journal (Australian)	W
Truth	W
*University Correspondent	F
*Vegetarian Messenger	M
*Votes for Women	W and M
*Vulcan	M
*Weekly Dispatch	W
*West African Mail	W
*West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser	W
Western Daily Mercury (*e*)	D
Western Daily Press (Bristol)	D
Western Evening Herald (*e*)	D
*Western Guardian	W
Western Independent (*e*)	W
Western Morning News (*e*)	D
*Western Times	D
Western Weekly Mercury (*e*)	W
Westminster Gazette	D and W
Westminster Review	M
Wide World Magazine	M
Windsor Magazine (*e*)	M
Woman at Home (*e*)	M
Woman's Life	W
*Women's Franchise	W
*Worcester Herald	W
Work (*e*)	W
*Workmen's Messenger	M
World	W
*World's Carriers	M
World's Work	M
Young England	M
*Zoophilist	M

Railway and other Official Time Tables.

English Railways.

Great Central
Great Eastern—Harwich Route
Great Northern
Lancashire and Yorkshire
London and Great Western
London and North Western
London and South Western
London, Brighton, and South Coast
Midland
North Eastern
South Eastern
South Eastern Continental Time Table

Irish Railways.

Belfast and Northern Counties
Midland and Great Western

Scotch Railways.

Caledonian
Glasgow and South Western
Great North of Scotland
Highland
North British

General Time Tables.

Bradshaw
British India Steam Navigation Co.
Clyde Shipping Co.
Cook's Excursionist
Union Castle Co.

Local Time Tables.

Brendon's Plymouth and Western Counties Railway Guide
Great Western Railway Local Time Tables
Lynton and Barnstaple Railway Guide
South Western Railway Local Time Tables

Directories. London and Local, with all other works of Reference, will be found in the Reference Library

PRINCIPAL ADDITIONS to the LIBRARY.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

English Proverbs and Proverbial Phrases. W. Carew Hazlitt
Scottish Pewter-ware and Pewterers. L. Ingleby Wood
Fulham, Old and New. 3 Vols. C. J. Fèret
English Furniture Designers. Constance Simon
Rubens. 2 Vols. Max Rooses
Corot and His Work. 2 Vols. Maurice Hamel
Nineteenth Century Art. D. S. Mac Coll
Holbein's Pictures at Windsor Castle. Ernest Law
Plantagenet Roll of the Blood Royal. Marquis of Ruvigny
History of Architecture. Vol. 1. Russell Sturgiss
History of Painting. 2 Vols. Richard Muther
Leland's Itinerary in Wales (1535-1539). *Ed. by* Lucy T. Smith
Manual of Library Economy. James Duff Brown
Dicken's Concordance. Mary Williams
French Furniture. André Saglio
Spanish Arms and Armour. Albert F. Calvert
Atlas of Canada. James White, F.R.G.S.
The Old Road. H. Belloc
James Orrock, R.I. 2 Vols. Byron Webber
Life of Jesus Christ. 2 Vols. J. James Tissot
The Old Testament. 2 Vols. J. James Tissot
Hubert and John Van Eyck. W. H. James Weale
Whistler as I Knew Him. Mortimer Menpes
First Century of English Porcelain. W. Moore Binns
City Companies of London. P. H. Ditchfield
Cathedrals and Churches of Northern Italy. T. F. Bumpus
Bibliographia. 3 Vols.
Costume on Brasses. Herbert Druitt
History of Music. 5 vols. Emil Naumann
Lodge's Peerage, Baronetage, Knightage and Companionage, 1908
History in Fiction. 2 Vols. Ernest A. Baker
Memorials of Old Dorset. T. Perkins
Goldsmiths' and Silversmiths' Work. N. Dawson
Visitations of Berkshire. Vol. 1. (Harleian Society)
Seals. W. De Gray-Birch
Chats on Costume. G. W. Rhead
Dictionary of Hymnology. *Ed. by* J. Julian
Visitation of England and Wales. Vol. 14. *Ed. by* F. A. Crisp
Heraldry as Art. G. W. Eve
Memorial of the Celebration of the Carnegie Institute at Pittsburg
The Sphere of Gentry. Sylvanus Morgan
Plays of William Shakespeare. 10 Vols. S. Johnson and G. Steevens.
Historical Manuscripts Commission :—
- Calendar of the Stuart Papers, Vol. 3.
- Report on American Manuscripts, Vol. 3.
- Report on the MSS. of the Earl of Ancaster
- Report on the MSS. of the Marquis of Bath
- Report on the MSS. of the Duke of Portland, Vol viii.
- Report on various Collections.

Black's Beautiful Books :—
Birds of Britain. J. L. Bonhote and H. E. Dresser
Clyde River. N. Munro and M. Y. & J. Y. Hunter
Middlesex. A. R. Hope Moncrieff and J. Fulleylove
World Pictures. Mortimer & Dorothy Menpes

British Museum Publications.

List of British Seed Plants and Ferns
Memorials of Linnaus
Guide to the Great Game Animals
Guide to the Fossil Invertebrate Animals
Monograph of the Culicidae or Mosquitoes
National Antartic Expedition (1901-1904). 3 Vols.
Catalogue of Pamphlets etc., relating to the Civil War
Catalogue of Drawings by British Artists
Catalogue of Additions to the Manuscripts
Guide to the Mediæval Rooms

Also the following Annuals :—

Annual Register
Burdett's Hospitals and Charities
Civil Service Manual
County Councils, Municipal Corporations Companion
Clergy List (Kelly)
English Catalogue of Books
English Woman's Year Book
Handbook to Official Classes (Kelly)
Hazell's Annual
Learned Societies' Handbook
Literary Year Book
Naval Annual
Statesman's Year Book
Stock Exchange Year Book
Whitaker's Almanack
Who's Who

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

My Devonshire Book. J. H. Harris
Book of the Cevennes. Rev. S. Baring-Gould, M.A.
Hills and Valleys of Torquay. J. Jukes-Browne, B.A.
Scilly and the Scillonians. J. G. Uren
Torquay and its Surroundings. Percival H. W. Almy
Exeter Illustrated. H. Tapley-Soper
When Hawkins Sailed the Sea. Tinsley Pratt
Life of Saint Meriasek. *Ed. by* Whitely Stokes
Of the Lawes of Ecclesiastical Politie (1666). R. Hooker
Devonshire Characters. Rev. S. Baring-Gould, M.A.
South Devon. C. R. Rowe and C. E. Hannaford
Collection of Poems. Ernest Radford
Story of Dartmoor Prison. Basil Thomson
Memoir of the Rev. John Russell. E. W. L. Davies, M.A.
Hermit and the Child, etc. J. Newton Hearn
New Poems. (Book 1). W. G. Hole
Borough Seals of the Gothic Period. G. Pedrick
The Prisoner's Memoirs, or Dartmoor Prison. J. Andrews

Charles Dickens and other Poems. M. Davidson
Lays and Lyrics. M. Davidson
Poetry of Alfred Noyes. Tinsley Pratt
Bibliography of Sir Walter Raleigh. T. N. Brushfield
Life of Edward Henry Bickersteth, D.D. F. K. Aglionby, M.A.
Works of "Peter Pinder, Esq." (Dr. J. Wolcot)
King's General in the West. Rev. R. Granville, M.A.
West Country Verses. Arthur L. Salmon
Notes on the Parish of Mylor. Hugh P. Olivey
The Stannaries. George Randall Lewis
"Devonia." Vols. vi & vii. *Ed. by* W. H. K. Wright
"Journal of the Ex Libris Society." Vol. xvii. *Ed. by* W. H. K. Wright
"Devon Notes and Queries." Vol. iv. *Ed. by* P. F. S. and J. Amery
Cornwall Parish Registers (Marriages). Vols. xii. & xiii. *Ed. by* W. P. Phillimore and T. Taylor

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I give and bequeath to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Plymouth, in the County of Devon, the sum of

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free from Legacy Duty, for the Benefit of the Free Public Library of the said Borough, to be expended in such manner as they may deem expedient for the enlargement and greater efficiency of the said Library.

Donations of Books may be notified to the Borough Librarian, Free Public Library, Plymouth, and will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.

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COUNTY-BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND NEWS-ROOMS.

Thirty-second Report of the Library Committee and Borough Librarian.

(From April 1st, 1908, to March 31st, 1909.)

Presented to the Council, July 12th, 1909.

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LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

1908—1909.

Elected November 9th. 1908.

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Deputy-Chairman:

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Councillor I. FOOT	Mr. W. J. VICKERY
Councillor H. SCOTT-TUCKER	Mr. HAROLD WOLFERSTAN

Rev. J. T. MAXWELL

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Book Selection:—Messrs. FOOT, MAXWELL, MUNDAY, TUCKER, VAWDREY, WOLFERSTAN.

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Site and Building:—THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR, Messrs. HILSON, LANG, MAXWELL, MUNDAY, TUCKER, VICKERY, WINNICOTT, YEO.

LIBRARY STAFF.

Secretary and Borough Librarian:

W. H. KEARLEY WRIGHT, F.R. HIST. SOC., F.L.A.

Sub-Librarian: R. E. WELLINGTON.

Senior Assistant: T. J. BURROW.

Assistants: L. ANNEAR, F. WALDRON.

Junior Assistants: E. BURLEY, Junr., S. ROWLING.

Caretakers: E. BURLEY, JOSEPH LUCKHAM.

Attendant, Magazine Room: W. NOTT.

Attendant, Laira Branch: J. G. R. ANDERSON.

Attendant, Salisbury Road Branch: THOMAS POTTER.

Attendant, Hyde Park Road Branch: JOHN MADDOCK.

LIBRARY CHRONOLOGY.

1871 Library Acts Adopted.

1876 Librarian appointed (March).

Library formally opened (August).

1879 Opening of Reference Library (August).

1884 Re-opening of Library after extension of the building (November).

1885 Annual Meeting of the Library Association at Plymouth (September).

1886 Death of Mr. R. C. Serpell, founder of the Library (October 25th).

1888 Establishment of School Libraries.

1892 Opening of Cattedown Road Branch (February). (Closed August, 1901).

1893 Opening of Uuion Street Branch (October). (Transferred to Oxford Street, 1897). (Closed 1901).

1894 Death of Mr. William Henry Luke, Honorary Treasurer and Deputy-Chairman (February 27th).

1896 Re-opening of Library after extensive alterations (January).

1897 Opening of Laira Branch (March).

Opening of Compton Branch (April). (Closed May, 1899).

Visit of American Librarians to Plymouth (July).

1898 Opening of Mount Street Branch (February). (Closed May, 1899).

1899 Death of Mr. George R. Barratt, Honorary Treasurer and Deputy-Chairman (August 24th).

Electric Light iustalled (October).

1900 Re-opening Mount Street Branch (October). (Closed 1901).

1901 Annual Meeting of the Library Association at Plymouth (August).

1904 Opening of Salisbury Road Branch (March 11th).

Opening of Hyde Park Road Branch (October 7th).

1905 Death of Councillor John Taylor (September).

Resignation of Alderman John Shelly (November).

1906 Mr. Andrew Carnegie's offer accepted (August).

1907 Laying of Foundation Stone, New Library (October).

Population of Plymouth, 1876	about 70.000
,, ,, 1909	123,156
Area of the Borough	acres 2.533
Rateable value of Plymouth, 1871	£166.332
,, ,, 1909	£554.925
Number of Volumes in Library, 1909	61.445
Number of Volumes issued during the Municipal year, 1908-9 ..	448,060
Number of Volumes issued in all departments since the opening of the Library to the end of March, 1909	8,756,178
Number of Borrowers' Tickets issued 1908-9	2.900
Number of Borrowers enrolled since the opening of the Library ..	86,881
Number of Students' Tickets issued 1908-9	194

Report of the Deputy Chairman.

The Librarian's Report, which will be found in the following pages, is so full a record of the past year's work that little remains to be added.

Whether the next Annual Report will be dated from the building now being erected in Tavistock Road is a point upon which prophecy is hazardous. It is, at any rate, safe to say that the general usefulness of the Library will be greatly increased when it is installed in its destined new quarters.

Meanwhile the Committee desire to express their sincere thanks to Mr. Wright and his staff for the zeal and efficiency with which they continue to carry out their duties.

W. L. MUNDAY,

Deputy Chairman.

1st July, 1909.

Librarian's Report.

To the Right Worshipful the Mayor (the Chairman), the Deputy-Chairman, and the Members of the Free Library Committee of the Borough of Plymouth.

GENTLEMEN,

It is my privilege to present to you a review of the work of this Institution during the past year. This, the thirty-second Annual Report, brings the record up to the 31st March, 1909.

The period covered by this report has not been marked by any special event or remarkable development, beyond the progress which has been made in connection with the new building, with which I propose to deal briefly towards the end of this report.

Turning first to the usual Statistical Tables, it will be observed that there is a slight decrease in the issues for 1908-9, as compared with those for 1907-8; but on the whole the figures shown are fairly satisfactory, inasmuch as the daily average shows a slight increase.

It does not seem necessary to go over in detail all the voluminous returns which make up this report, as shown in Tables 7, 8, 9, 10, as the figures speak for themselves.

But other Tables need a slight elaboration. For instance, Table 1 shows that the additions to the Library have been slightly less in the year now under review than the year preceding it, as also in some recent years; but on the other hand, it may be remarked that a larger proportion of valuable works have been added to the Library, thus considerably enhancing its general value. This is especially the case in the Reference Department, and the Local, or Devon and Cornwall section.

A list of the principal additions to these departments will be given in the Appendix to this report, but the numerical additions are, as usual, given in Table 1.

The Library now contains 61,445 volumes, of which 35,772 volumes are in the Lending Library, the Branches, and Schools, and 25,673 volumes in the Reference Library, which includes the Devon and Cornwall collection (10,687 volumes).

The classification of the books in the Lending Library will be found in Table 1, as also the relative increase in the several classes.

It is scarcely necessary for me to make any comments upon the returns of borrowers, as given in Tables 2 to 6; they are much as usual.

Attention might, however, be drawn to the diminution in the number of books supplied to the schools throughout the Borough, a result which, I think, has been brought about by sundry rearrangements in connection with some of the larger schools. While on this topic, I would say that it is contemplated to hold a conference between the officers of the Education Authority, the head teachers, and ourselves, with a view to some modification in the rules as they affect the schools and the conditions under which books are loaned to the Education Authority. On this point I hope to report to you more fully shortly.

You will also notice a considerable falling off in the work of the Evening Branches. This may be partially explained by the frequency of the occasions when the rooms appropriated to our use have been required for public, political, or other meetings. This seems to point to the fact that rooms in municipal schools are less suitable for this purpose now than they were when these branches were first established.

Our Lectures have maintained their popularity; in fact, the average attendance on Saturday afternoons has been larger than ever, on some

occasions taxing all the resources of the Institution.

As these lectures are in the main confined to literary subjects, we have reason to believe that they have been attended with good results, and that they have, undoubtedly, led many persons to apply for books which they might otherwise have been ignorant of.

A complete list of the lectures, with the names of the lecturers and the respective chairmen will be set out at the end of this report. We are greatly indebted to those who have so generously assisted since these lectures were inaugurated in February, 1906. In all, 73 lectures have been given.

In August last I attended the annual meeting of the Library Association, held at Brighton. this being the thirty-first consecutive conference which I have attended since the Association was inaugurated in 1877. The meeting was of a highly practical character, and was very largely attended, owing partly to the natural attractiveness of the place and its nearness to London. I took the opportunity to make a close examination of the Library systems both of Brighton and Hove, the latter being a recently opened Library and a gift of Mr. Carnegie.

On your authority, I have recently visited the Libraries in the following places and have closely studied their methods and modes of working:—Birmingham, Brighton, Bristol, Dudley, Exeter, Glasgow, Hove, Hammersmith, Islington, Kingston-upon-Thames, Newton Abbot, Portsmouth, Torquay, Wednesbury, Walsall, Worcester.

With regard to the new Library in course of erection in Tavistock Road, it may be observed that we are now within measurable distance of the completion of the building. You have received the monthly reports of the Architects, which have been printed in the Minutes of the Corporation, and no further report is therefore necessary. At the same time it should be pointed out that when the building is completed, the work of transfer and rearrangement will occupy several months, and will involve much extra labour and expense.

In accordance with your instructions, attention has been paid to the preparation of a complete catalogue of the whole Library, now numbering, as you will see, more than sixty thousand volumes.

The slip catalogue and the card catalogue of the Local or Devon and Cornwall Library is now written up to date; I am now busy upon the catalogue of the Reference Library, which is a laborious task, and will, with cross references, involve some fifty thousand entries. In this I am materially assisted by Mr. Wellington and Mr. Waldron.

Owing to the serious curtailment of the funds placed at your disposal by the Council, the printing of catalogues has been temporarily suspended, which is a serious detriment to the work and usefulness of the Library.

Similarly I have been compelled to hold my hand in the matter of binding and rebinding books in the Reference Library, which I had provided for in my estimates both of this year and last year.

From the same cause the Book Selection Sub-Committee have been compelled to defer the purchase of many books which they considered necessary and desirable for the Library.

The granting of the full penny rate this year would have enabled the Committee to deal more liberally in the purchase of books, to have the necessary repairs done to the library stock, and to set aside a sum necessary for the transfer of the Library to the new building when ready, as well as for the early publication of catalogues. These matters are necessarily deferred; in addition to which, it may be pointed out that there are many fittings and small matters required for the new building which are not provided for in the existing contract.

The contract of Messrs. Pethick Bros. has been accepted for the furniture and fittings, oak being the material decided upon. No provision has, however, yet been made for floor covering, and seeing that all the floors are of concrete, it stands to reason that their covering will involve considerable expense.

Several additions have been made to the list of Mayoral and other portraits presented to the Library, the following being a revised list of those already received:—

1851-2.	1873-4.	Mr. Alfred Rooker (oil painting).
1861-2.	1862-3.	Mr. William Derry (enlarged photograph).
1879-80.		

1863-5. Mr. Charles Norrington (oil painting).

1868-9. Mr. Alexander Hubbard (enlarged photograph).

1870-1. Mr. R. C. Serpell, Founder of the Library (oil painting).

1871-2. Mr. Isaac Latimer (oil painting).

1874-7. Mr. William Foster Moore (enlarged photograph).

1877-8. Mr. Joseph Wills (enlarged photograph).

1878-9. 1884-5. Mr. Edward James (enlarged photograph).

1880-1. Mr. F. A. Morrish (enlarged photograph).

1881-2. Mr. Charles F. Burnard (lithograph).

1882-3. Mr. John Shelly (enlarged photograph).

1885-6. Mr. W. H. Alger (photograph).

1887-90. Sir Henry Waring (engraving).

1890-1 1897-8.

1895-6. Mr. J. T. Bond (enlarged photograph).

1891-2. Mr. F. W. Harris (enlarged photograph).

1896-7. 1907-8. Sir Charles H. Radford (photograph).

1897-1900. Mr. John Pethick (enlarged photograph).

1900-1. Mr. Robert Risdon (enlarged photograph).

1901-2. Sir Joseph Bellamy (enlarged photograph).

1902-4. Mr. Henry Hurrell (enlarged photograph).

1 904-5. Mr. Richard W. Winnicott (enlarged photograph).

1905-6. Mr. John Yeo (enlarged photograph).

1906-7. Mr. J. F. Winnicott (enlarged photograph).

Also:—

Rev. Professor F. E. Anthony, for many years Deputy-Chairman of the Library Committee.

Mr. William Henry Luke, for many years Deputy-Chairman and Honorary Treasurer of the Library Committee.

Mr. John Taylor, for many years member of the Library Committee.

It will be observed that several portraits are still required to make

this a complete and representative collection, covering the whole history of the Library.

As regards the Library staff, its members continue to give satisfaction. In Mr. Wellington I find a most useful and active chief assistant. He is now assisted in the work of the Reference Library by Mr. Waldron, who is making rapid headway as a cataloguer, and has passed several of the important examinations of the Library Association. Mr. Burrow still retains his position as assistant in charge of the Lending Library, and he is ably supported by Mr. Annear.

Two changes have taken place in the personnel of the Committee during the year, viz., the substitution of Councillor Isaac Foot for Councillor J. S. Argall; and the appointment of Dr. Vawdrey to fill a vacancy amongst the members not in the Council. It is anticipated that the forthcoming retirement of the Rev. J. T. Maxwell will involve another change in your Committee.

It only remains for me to thank you for your kind consideration at all times and under all circumstances, and for the material help rendered in the discharge of my duties, by your advice and countenance.

F. W. R. Wright

June, 1909. *Borough Librarian*

LECTURE LIST

FROM OCTOBER 10th, 1908, TO APRIL 24th, 1909.

No. 48. October 10th, 1908.—The Borough Librarian.
"Subject—"The Plymouth Workhouse Boy (Dr. John Kitto)."
Chairman—Councillor W. L. Munday.

No. 49. October 17th, 1908.—Mr. C. W. Bracken, B.A.
Subject—"Literary Forgeries."
Chairman—Mr. R. A. J. Walling.

No. 50. October 24th, 1909.—Mr. Collier James.
Subject—"Crises in Roman History." Illustrated by selections from Macaulay's "Lays of Ancient Rome."
Chairman—Rev. A. E. Richardson, D.D.

No. 51. Octover 31st, 1908.—Mr. John Hitchings.
Subject—"People as they are: an appreciation of the Novels of George Eliot."
Chairman—Mr. J. T. Johnson.

No. 52. November 7th, 1908.—Mr. Jno. H. Belcher.
Subject—"Chaucer's Language and Works."
Chairman—Councillor H. Scott Tucker.

No. 53. November 14th, 1908.—Mr. R. A. J. Walling.
Subject—"Nathaniel Hawthorne and Brook Farm."
Chairman—The Right Worshipful The Mayor of Plymouth (A. E. Spender, Esq.).

No. 54. November 21st, 1908.—Mr. G. J. Michell.
Subject—"Sir Richard Steele" (The Tatler, The Guardian, The Spectator").
Chairman—Dr. T. G. Vawdrey.

No. 55. November 28th, 1908.—Rev. W. K. Burford.
Subject.—"Sidelights of Puritan Life in Early New England" (in lieu of "Ruskin," as announced).
Chairman—Mr. G. H. Lang.

No. 56. December 5th, 1908.—Rev. Arthur Robinson.
Subject—"The Heroines of Shakespeare."
Chairman—Mr. Frank Underhill.

No. 57. December 12th, 1908.—Rev. W. Gregory Harris (of Torquay).
Subject—"Thomas Chatterton: a Study in Wayward Genius."
Chairman—Alderman J. F. Winnicott.

No. 58. December 19th, 1908.—Mr. J. Newton Hearn.
Subject—"Some Famous Lyrics."
Chairman—Rev. H. J. Chaytor, M.A.

No. 59. January 2nd, 1909.—Councillor W. L. Munday.
Subject—"Dante's Beatrice."
Chairman—Mr. W. Cecil Wade.

No. 60. January 9th, 1909.—Mr. H. Montagu Evans.
Subject—"Samuel Rogers and Thomas Campbell contrasted."
Chairman—Rev. Leonard Klamborowski, M.A.

No. 61. January 16th, 1909.—The Borough Librarian.
Subject—"Mortimer Collins, of Plymouth; Journalist, Poet, Novelist, Philosopher, the 'King of Bohemians.'"
Chairman—Mr. T. Canning Baily.

No. 62. January 23rd, 1909.—Rev. H. J. Chaytor, M.A.
Subject—"Faust; the Legend and its Treatment in Literature.
Chairman—Councillor W. L. Munday.

No. 63. January 30th, 1909.—Mr. A. L. Strachan, B.A.
Subject—"The Poems of Matthew Arnold."
Chairman—Mr. T. P. Treglohan.

No. 64. February 6th, 1909.—Mr. J. E. Pillar.
Subject—"The Early Literature of British Geology."
Chairman—Mr. R. Hansford Worth.

No. 65. February 13th, 1909.—Mr. R. E. Pengelly.
Subject—"Style in Literature, with typical illustrations."
Chairman—Councillor Isaac Foot.

No. 66. February 20th, 1909.—Mr. G. H. Wherry.
Subject—"Romances and Legends of the West of England."
Chairman—Rev. Michael J. Burns, D.D.

No. 67. February 27th, 1909.—Mr. Collier James.
Subject—"Rome and Carthage: a Struggle for Supremacy."
Chairman—Mr. G. H. Lang.

No. 68. March 6th, 1909.—Mr. W. A. Stanley, of London.
Subject—"Recitals from Shakespeare, including selections from 'Julius Cæsar,' 'King Henry V.,' etc."
Chairman—Rev. W. Howard Coates.

No. 69. March 13th, 1909.—Mr. J. H. Lucas.
Subject—"Hymns and Hymn Tunes," with musical illustrations by a select choir.
Chairman—Rev. T. A. Chapman, M.A.

No. 70. March 20th, 1909.—Mr. W. H. K. Wright.
Subject—"Devon's Place in the Expansion of the British Empire."
Chairman—Mr. Isaac Pearse, J.P.

No. 71. March 27th, 1909.—Mr. T. V. Hodgson.
Subject—"The Modern Literature of Geology."
Chairman—Mr. J. E. Pillar.

No. 72. April 3rd, 1909.—Mr. C. W. Bracken, B.A.
Subject—"Charles Dickens and Religion," with illustrative selections.
Chairman—Councillor R. Rugg Monk, J.P.

No. 73. April 24th, 1909.—Mr. Reginald Waddy, A.R.C.O.
Subject—"Music of the Tudor and Early Stuart Periods," with musical illustrations by soloists and choir.
Chairman—Rev. J. T. Trelawny Ross, D.D.

TABLE I.

Additions made to the Library.

Class Letter.	Works as Classified.	No. of Volumes.		
		1908.	1909.	Increase 1909.
A	Theology, Religion, and Philosophy ...	1442	1463	21
B	Biography and Correspondence	3055	3165	110
C	History, Voyages, and Travels	4337	4424	87
D	Education, Political Economy, &c. ...	967	1003	36
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History ...	1937	1994	57
F	Poetry, Classics, and the Drama ...	1925	1967	42
G	Prose Fiction	8855	9246	391
H	Miscellaneous Works	250	250	..
I	Magazines and Reviews	3517	3529	12
M	Music	313	320	7
R	Books for the Blind	153	153	..
J, S	Juvenile Books, including School Libraries	7999	8258	259
K	Reference Works (Reference Library) ...	14664	14986	322
L	Devon and Cornwall Library	10482	10687	205
	TOTALS ...	59896	61445	1549

TABLE II.

Register of Borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets issued previously, as per Thirty-one published Reports ...	83,981
Borrowers' Tickets issued since the publication of the last Rpeort	2,308
Students' Tickets	194
Laira Branch	208
Salisbury Road Branch	73
Hyde Park Road Branch	117
	86,881

TABLE III.

Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year, with reasons assigned.

Borrowers	left the town	28
,,	deceased	4
,,	withdrawn	15
Guarantor	withdrawn	2
Cancelled	(unclaimed)	47
		96

TABLE IV

Ages of Borrowers enrolled during the twelve months ending March 31st, 1909.

Under 15 years			345
From 15 to 20 years			562
,, 20 to 25 ,,			321
,, 25 to 30 ,,			195
,, 30 to 40 ,,			300
,, 40 to 50 ,,			130
,, 50 to 60 ,,			82
,, 60 upwards			71
Ages not recorded:	Burgesses	488	
,,	Non-Burgesses	406	
			894
			2900

TABLE V.

Residential Distribution of Borrowers.

	Burgess.	Non-Burgess.	Total.
Vintry Ward	20	34	54
St. Andrew's Ward	25	111	136
Hoe Ward	24	158	182
Millbay Ward	14	78	92
St. Peter's Ward	18	70	88
Frankfort Ward	15	135	150
Drake's Ward	40	114	154
Charles' Ward	32	132	164
Greenbank Ward	44	126	170
Mutley Ward	80	320	400
Compton Ward	58	144	202
Laira Ward	82	244	326
Friary Ward	38	163	201
Sutton Ward	22	105	127
Non-Residents	—	56	56
Borrowers at Laira Branch	66	142	208
,, Salisbury Road Branch	32	41	73
,, Hyde Park Road Branch	48	69	117
	658	2242	2900

TABLE VI.

Occupations of Borrowers, 1908-1909.

Classification.	*No.*
Accountants, Clerks, &c.	252
Actors and Actresses	3
Agents and Managers	40
Apprentices	42
Architects	18
Artists	8
Assistants, Shop	62
Bakers and Confectioners	24
Booksellers and Stationers	4
Boot and Shoe Makers	15
Builders and Contractors	10
Butchers, &c.	5
Cabinet Makers, Carpenters, and Joiners	38
Chemists, Druggists, &c.	20
Civil Service Officials	28
Clergy and Ministers	26
Commercial Travellers	35
Customs and Board of Trade Officials	15
Dairymen, Gardeners, &c.	12
Dentists	14
Domestic Servants	40
Drapers	42
Draughtsmen	4
Electricians	16
Engineers and Engine Fitters	56
Engravers and Lithographers	10
Errand Boys, Office Boys, and Messengers	17
Foremen	9
Grocers and Tea Dealers	20
Hair Dressers	19
Inspectors	15
Ironmongers	5
Journalists, Reporters, &c.	5
Labourers and Porters	6
Mariners	12
Married Women (so specified)	95
Masons and Plasterers	22
Medical Men	4
Merchants and Manufacturers	29
Milliners and Dressmakers	32
Musicians, Tuners, &c.	18
Nurses	10
Officers, Army and Navy	48
Painters and Decorators	22
Pawnbrokers	7
Pensioners	26
Photographers	6
Plumbers and Gasfitters	16
Police Officers	8
Printers and Compositors	21
Railway Officials	15
Sailmakers	5
School Children and Students	321
School Masters, Mistresses, and Teachers	186
Shipwrights	22
Shopkeepers	30
Smiths, Stokers, &c.	17
Solicitors	7
Spinsters (so specified)	19
Surveyors	5
Tailors and Outfitters, &c.	28
Tobacconists	9
Typists	12
Upholsterers	14
Waiters	8
Warehousemen	14
Watchmakers, Jewellers, &c.	15
Widows (so specified)	12
Occupations not recorded, or persons having no settled occupation	850
Total	2900

TABLE VII.

Return of Issues in the Central and Branch Lending Departments, from April 1st, 1908, to March 31st, 1909, with Monthly Totals and Averages.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Theology and Philosophy.	B—Biography and Correspondence.	C—History, Voyages, and Travels.	D—Political Econ. and Education.	E—Art, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Classics, and Drama.	G—Prose Fiction.	I—Magazines and Reviews.	J—Juvenile Works.	L—Local Works.	M—Musical Works.	R—Books for Blind.	S and T—Schools and Evening Branches.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1908.															*153	
April ..	24	256	469	570	239	616	375	8,530	857	1,877	777	185	*153 Volumes on loan at the Blind Institution.	17,030	31,781	1,324
May ..	26	337	647	777	312	770	487	10,213	1,008	2,193	928	210		17,314	35,265	1,356
June ..	25	284	504	619	252	620	416	8,715	876	1,754	850	150		16,021	31,067	1,278
July ..	27	265	414	538	200	520	380	9,347	757	2,604	644	130		16,803	32,662	1,209
August ..	25	273	485	631	258	652	375	9,247	939	1,870	849	103		14,025	30,703	1,228
September	26	281	503	651	292	694	408	9,463	989	1,832	830	201		16,060	33,116	1,273
October ..	27	310	571	698	288	675	489	9,743	1,027	2,017	936	225		17,192	34,171	1,265
November	25	271	501	602	253	650	481	9,351	927	1,785	811	190		17,052	32,880	1,315
December	25	234	405	504	215	519	377	7,839	725	1,526	627	160		10,880	30,020	1,200
1909.																
January ..	12	141	255	307	135	324	224	4,517	401	863	383	113		7,263	14,026	1,243
February ..	24	267	509	576	259	578	415	9,147	750	1,676	774	213		17,024	32,188	1,341
March ..	27	262	546	592	263	507	376	9,194	696	1,557	641	171		17,006	31,871	1,180
Totals ..	293	3181	5809	7065	2966	7200	4803	105,300	10,012	21,560	9,056	2147	153	192,445	371,703	1,268

TABLE VIII.

Works consulted in the Reference Department (including Devon and Cornwall Books), from April 1st, 1908, to March 31st, 1909, inclusive.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Biblical and Religious Works.	B—Biographical Works.	C—General History, Travels, &c.	D—Dictionaries, Encyclopædias, and other comprehensive Works.	E—Arts, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Drama, and the Classics.	G—Fiction and General Literature.	H—Heraldic and Genealogical Works.	I—Magazines, Reviews, and Newspapers.	J—General Topographical Works.	L—Works relating to Devon and Cornwall.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1908.														
April ..	24	275	287	376	1,028	381	390	106	303	2,118	374	415	6,053	252
May ..	26	297	294	448	1,009	408	373	110	324	2,243	434	534	6,474	249
June ..	25	286	263	358	920	355	321	165	280	2,316	372	416	6,052	242
July ..	27	267	285	422	1,001	379	329	178	284	2,143	435	522	6,245	231
August ..	25	308	296	460	998	395	411	195	282	2,216	370	582	6,513	260
September	26	282	276	385	1,095	526	464	37	375	2,088	398	478	6,404	246
October ..	27	317	293	509	1,048	451	332	140	340	2,236	534	581	6,781	251
November	25	315	342	484	1,039	458	363	60	298	2,160	446	493	6,458	258
December	25	234	330	484	1,030	431	300	142	365	2,116	407	442	6,281	251
1909.														
January ..	26	307	311	489	1,028	421	331	59	326	2,282	564	523	6,641	255
February	24	266	257	386	1,023	374	394	86	307	2,101	420	501	6,115	254
March ..	27	319	280	401	1,026	409	393	45	274	2,226	435	532	6,340	234
Totals—	307	3473	3514	5202	12,245	4,988	4,401	1,323	3,758	26,245	5,189	6,019	76,357	248

TABLE IX.

Statement of the work of the Library in all Departments comprised in the thirty-two published Reports.

Year.	Days Open.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	R	S & T	TOTALS.	Daily Average.
1876-85	2566	12,494	38,424	91,202	6,559	34,936	23,347	664,765	22,762	107,727	175,768	173,072	34,302	..	..	..	1,386,258	540
1886 ..	285	1,113	2,354	6,184	550	3,384	1,989	69,000	1,534	10,452	19,859	40,806	3,958	..	..	..	160,823	564
1887 ..	287	1,278	2,280	5,875	644	2,960	1,642	66,665	1,465	11,019	21,702	28,070	3,392	..	..	..	147,901	515
1888-89	351	1,343	3,390	9,515	709	3,386	1,990	86,547	2,918	12,509	84,113	37,857	7,464	..	..	..	251,739	710
1889-90	156 289	404	1,418	3,794	236	1,508	716	35,701	1,224	5,016	51,360	33,553	3,247	..	..	..	138,177	670 L.D. 116 R.D.
1890-91	286	777	2,474	6,974	358	2,207	1,095	64,813	2,038	9,362	104,404	32,133	5,217	..	..	..	231,852	810
1891-92	290	815	2,489	6,579	482	2,339	1,352	59,889	1,204	8,783	88,819	4,252	3,835	..	..	11,350	231,188	797
1892-93	285	711	2,010	4,615	590	2,275	1,032	56,457	859	8,009	12,077	49,151	393	..	..	112,365	252,334	885
1893-94	288	963	1,818	4,920	798	2,384	1,013	57,629	1,071	7,997	15,065	52,414	847	..	..	154,500	301,419	1,046
1894-95	285	1,073	2,022	4,381	819	2,138	758	54,932	987	6,081	14,564	58,366	1,811	..	..	144,667	202,500	1,026
1895-96	112	467	958	2,340	189	1,175	478	25,545	434	2,057	7,224	21,224	1,235	..	..	128,705	192,131	1,722
1896-97	284 302	990	3,279	7,527	541	4,022	1,665	76,032	1,090	7,562	17,145	65,304	4,466	..	302	135,436	325,301	915 L.D. 216 R.D.
1897-98	299 300	1,437	5,009	7,600	618	4,814	1,303	81,401	955	6,904	11,090	66,306	4,437	..	459	184,319	377,552	1040 L.D. 221 R.D.
1898-99	294 300	1,084	4,005	6,707	649	4,707	2,193	66,304	499	5,550	7,977	62,901	4,982	561	256	210,346	378,811	1074 L.D. 209 R.D.
1899-00	292	926	3,276	6,082	522	3,270	1,229	56,686	203	5,987	8,541	55,936	3,347	674	226	199,366	346,271	994 L.D. 191 R.D.
1900-01	297	1,006	2,939	6,066	583	3,125	1,265	62,228	134	6,607	8,920	62,128	4,126	1,025	135	210,553	370,840	1060 L.D. 209 R.D.
1901-02	293	1,191	3,418	5,287	769	4,597	1,367	63,493	14	6,925	6,743	65,121	4,217	1,182	72	200,488	364,884	1023 L.D. 222 R.D.
1902-03	295 297	2,033	5,346	7,489	1,766	6,935	3,180	72,016	..	8,079	7,474	70,609	5,732	1,614	153	195,658	388,084	1076 L.D. 237 R.D.
1903-04	294 296	2,259	5,251	7,358	1,580	7,110	3,660	86,148	..	9,025	11,485	70,864	6,054	2,087	153	186,380	400,314	1120 L.D. 239 R.D.
1904-05	295 301	2,583	5,922	8,256	2,800	8,160	4,153	100,821	..	10,352	13,420	72,281	9,310	2,371	153	169,755	416,646	1167 L.D. 249 R.D.
1905-06	298 303	3,098	5,942	8,183	3,372	8,420	4,697	100,501	..	10,221	19,061	73,087	9,170	2,107	153	198,546	447,548	1256 L.D. 241 R.D.
1906-07	294 301	2,797	5,086	7,017	2,845	7,395	3,938	96,930	..	9,839	20,392	74,347	8,129	1,873	153	200,285	441,026	1247 L.D. 247 R.D.
1907-08	299 309	3,426	5,804	7,381	3,195	7,716	4,738	102,543	..	9,778	22,246	76,770	8,801	2,507	153	190,492	454,550	1263 L.D. 248 R.D.
1908-09	293 307	3,181	5,809	7,065	2,966	7,200	4,803	105,306	..	10,012	21,560	76,357	9,056	2,147	153	192,445	448,060	1268 L.D. 248 R.D.

Showing the Accessions in all Departments of the Library from year to year since the opening in August, 1876, and the present state of the Library Stock.

Year.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	R	S	Totals.	Yearly Increase.
1876-77	326	744	1,637	145	487	469	1,373	431	759	473	666	368	..	..	..	7,908	..
1878..	404	863	1,854	205	595	513	1,686	597	1,116	513	975	583	..	..	..	9,906	1,998
1879..	451	917	1,920	229	661	608	1,795	613	1,227	668	1,426	746	..	..	..	11,261	1,355
1880..	478	967	1,944	256	698	628	2,031	619	1,270	769	1,970	1,091	..	..	..	12,721	1,460
1881..	509	1,024	2,061	289	730	690	2,265	633	1,380	876	2,155	1,397	..	..	..	14,009	1,288
1882..	580	1,086	2,147	311	825	720	2,375	639	1,557	984	2,629	1,666	..	..	..	15,519	1,510
1883..	625	1,109	2,163	324	849	754	2,457	645	1,614	1,047	3,345	2,110	..	..	..	17,042	1,523
1884..	629	1,129	2,220	353	898	782	2,636	650	1,670	1,069	5,200	2,290	..	..	..	19,506	2,464
1885..	656	1,162	2,254	380	959	828	2,811	661	1,754	1,118	5,670	2,655	..	..	..	20,908	1,402
1886..	689	1,282	2,390	424	1,029	848	3,218	741	1,844	1,284	6,480	2,743	..	..	..	22,972	2,064
1887..	708	1,354	2,514	459	1,115	878	3,419	805	1,908	1,734	6,750	2,958	..	..	..	24,602	1,630
1888-89	751	1,433	2,624	479	1,182	912	3,649	892	2,116	2,480	7,045	3,275	..	..	..	26,833	2,231
1889-90	758	1,502	2,688	494	1,210	959	4,041	918	2,159	2,787	7,559	3,895	..	..	..	28,970	2,137
1890-91	794	1,561	2,820	523	1,256	990	4,304	957	2,232	2,934	8,040	4,320	..	..	..	30,731	1,761
1891-92	816	1,618	2,894	601	1,303	1,008	4,582	970	2,314	2,997	8,325	5,464	..	..	..	33,533	2,802
1892-93	867	1,678	2,955	625	1,354	1,075	4,749	981	2,442	3,892	8,630	6,003	..	..	110	35,361	1,828
1893-94	892	1,731	3,037	637	1,406	1,102	5,035	983	2,506	4,290	9,592	6,350	..	..	238	37,799	2,438
1894-95	935	1,777	3,076	657	1,443	1,118	5,203	989	2,588	936	10,063	6,897	..	..	3,074	38,950	1,161
1895-96	947	1,802	3,118	662	1,471	1,144	5,377	990	2,680	967	10,411	7,356	..	..	3,236	40,161	1,201
1896-97	959	1,945	3,205	670	1,567	1,226	5,671	992	2,737	980	10,701	7,789	..	138	3,496	42,076	1,915
1897-98	978	2,291	3,276	688	1,594	1,273	5,937	999	2,856	999	11,087	8,021	..	255	3,837	44,091	2,015
1898-99	985	2,361	3,336	745	1,624	1,316	6,110	699	2,970	1,034	11,461	8,282	81	270	4,004	45,278	1,187
1899-00	1,024	2,438	3,464	758	1,660	1,458	6,154	365	2,006	1,041	11,799	8,373	108	281	4,268	46,197	919
1900-01	1,051	2,513	3,677	773	1,686	1,533	6,323	250	3,088	1,042	12,296	8,709	119	290	4,222	47,572	1,375
1901-02	1,073	2,539	3,733	789	1,698	1,594	6,521	250	3,146	1,057	12,694	9,022	119	290	4,380	48,905	1,333
1902-03	1,286	2,615	3,841	814	1,736	1,688	6,796	250	3,184	1,070	13,023	9,215	187	153	4,676	50,534	1,629
1903-04	1,302	2,694	3,940	827	1,780	1,723	7,130	250	3,261	1,150	13,387	9,367	188	153	5,385	52,537	2,003
1904-05	1,325	2,764	4,038	877	1,812	1,768	7,525	250	3,319	1,183	13,757	9,526	278	153	5,701	54,276	1,739
1905-06	1,363	2,844	4,116	918	1,853	1,791	7,896	250	3,386	1,220	14,058	9,668	309	153	6,092	55,917	1,641
1906-07	1,378	2,937	4,249	941	1,907	1,835	8,375	250	3,398	1,282	14,328	10,297	309	153	6,439	58,078	2,161
1907-08	1,442	3,055	4,337	967	1,937	1,925	8,855	250	3,517	1,331	14,664	10,482	313	153	6,668	59,896	1,818
1908-09	1,463	3,165	4,424	1,003	1,994	1,967	9,246	250	3,529	1,373	14,986	10,687	320	153	6,885	61,445	1,549

*—For Key to Classification, see Tables VII. and VIII.

TABLE XI.

BRANCH EVENING READING ROOMS.

Return of Monthly Issues and Attendance.

Month.	Laira.		Salisbury Road		Hyde Park Rd.	
	Issues.	Attendance.	Issues.	Attendance.	Issues.	Attendance.
1908.						
April ..	523	959	257	928	274	1,018
May ..	613	985	287	1,223	344	1,207
June ..	481	959	239	957	221	827
July ..	413	969	216	932	245	836
August ..	304	855	289	1,123	304	1,162
September	427	1,079	259	990	297	1,088
October ..	452	1,073	353	1,224	366	1,441
November ..	439	929	279	958	334	1,163
December ..	409	896	243	860	277	984
1909.						
January ..	494	928	319	1,217	410	1,391
February .	460	848	240	982	319	1,151
March ..	433	1,013	253	1,011	345	1,079
Totals ..	5,448	11,493	3,234	12,405	3,736	13,347

Table showing Progress at Branch Evening Reading Rooms.

Branch.	1907-8.		1908-9.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Issues.	Attendance.	Issues.	Attendance.	Issu's	Attd.	Issu's	Attd.
Laira ..	6,354	11,772	5,448	11,493	..	..	906	279
Salisbury Road ..	3,374	13,066	3,234	12,405	..	..	140	661
Hyde Pk. Road ..	4,070	13,957	3,736	13,347	..	..	334	610
Totals ..	13,798	38,795	12,418	37,245	..	..	1,380	1,550

TABLE XII.

The following is a List of School Libraries with number of Volumes supplied from the Central Library:—

Cattedown Road	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Charles'	Boys	50
,,	Girls	50
Compton	Mixed	100
Grey Coat	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Holy Cross	Boys	100
Holy Trinity	Boys	60
Household of Faith	Girls	50
Hyde Park Road	Boys	150
,, ,, ,,	Girls	150
King Street	Boys	100
Laira Green	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Mount Street	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
North Road	Girls	100
Palace Court	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Public School, Cobourg Street	Mixed	88
Regent Street	Higher Grade	350
St. Andrew's	Boys	75
,,	Girls	50
St. Boniface	Boys	50
St. Catharine's	Boys	25
,,	Girls	25
St. James'	Boys	53
St. John's	Boys	120
,,	Girls	120
St. Peter's	Boys	120
,,	Girls	100
Salisbury Road	Boys	100
Sutton Road	Mixed	100
Treville Street	Boys	100
Union Street	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	120
Wolsdon Street	Girls	100
		3,706

School Libraries.

The following regulations are in force for the management of School Libraries:—

(*a*) The Principal Teachers are held responsible for the proper cataloguing, issuing, collecting, and exchanging of the books for their respective departments, but may delegate the work of registration, etc., to an Assistant Teacher, or arrange for the work to be done in rotation by all the Assistants in the School.

(*b*) On the receipt, return, or transfer of books from the Free Library, each book shall be entered on the School Catalogue in the Form determined.

(*c*) A record shall be kept in the "Lending Book" of the names and addresses of the children making use of the Library, and the date and number of each book taken out or returned. Only one work at a time shall be taken by the same child.

(*d*) The whole of the children whose names appear on the Admission Register of the Department, and who are working in or above Standard III. shall be entitled to the benefit of the Library. The Principal Teacher may, however, have the right of withholding books from those who are known to have wilfully or carelessly damaged or injured any of the books taken out of the said Libraries.

(*e*) A specified time in each week, most convenient to each particular School, shall be fixed for the issue and collection of books, which shall apply to all children referred to in Section D, and such times shall be inserted on the labels affixed to the books, and shall be exhibited on a card hung on the walls of the Schoolroom.

(*f*) A list or catalogue of the books in the School, lent by the Library Committee, shall be hung in the School where it can be easily seen and referred to by the children.

(*g*) Each set of books at certain periods shall be returned direct to the Free Library; books worn out or otherwise unfit for circulation being replaced by new copies or other works when deemed desirable. Any School Library may, however, be retained for a further term, if so desired by the Principal Teachers.

(*h*) All books in circulation. with the remaining portion of the School Library not in circulation, shall be collected together at the School for inspection twice in each year, immediately before the Summer and Winter holidays, or at such times as may be fixed by the Librarian.

(*i*) The General Rules of the Free Library Committee shall. as far as applicable, be observed, and the Teachers shall make such periodical returns as the Librarian may require.

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Library Reports, Bulletins, and Catalogues, presented by their respective Librarians:—

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AND EVENING READING ROOMS.

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D—*Daily.* **W**—*Weekly.* **F**—*Fortnightly.* **M**—*Monthly.* **Q**—*Quarterly.*

Agricultural Economist	W
*Alliance News	W
Animal World	M
*Animal's Friend	M
Antiquary	M
Arbitrator	M
Army List	M and Q
Art Journal	M
*Aspirant (*e*)	W
Athenæum	W
*Auckland Star	W
*Banner of Israel	W
*Belfast News	W
Bazaar, Exchange and Mart	TRI-W
*Bideford Weekly Gazette	W
Bird Notes and News	Q
Black and White (*e*)	W
*Blackpool Times	W
Blackwood's Magazine	M
*Bladud	W
*Board of Trade Journal	W
*Bodmin Guardian	W
Bookseller	W
Boy's Own Paper	W
*British Temperance Advocate	M
British Weekly	W
British Workman (*e*)	M
British Workwoman	M
Broad Arrow	W
Builder	W
Building News (*e*)	W
Building World	W
Canada	W
*Canadian Gazette	W
*Canadian Life	M
Captain (*e*)	M
Cassell's Magazine (*e*)	M
Cassell's Saturday Journal (*e*)	W
*Catholic Fireside	W
*Catholic Times	W
*Catholic Weekly	W
Century Magazine	M
*Certificate Examiner	F
Chamber's Journal (*e*)	M
*Charles' Parish Magazine	M
*Christian Life	W
*Christian Science Journal	M
*Christian Science Sentinel	W
Chums (*e*)	W
Church Gazette	M
*Church Intelligencer	M
*Church Quarterly Review	Q
*Church Times	W
*Civil Service Candidate	W
*Civil Service Competitor (*e*)	W
Civilian	W
*Clarion	W
Clerk	W
*Clerk of Works Association Journal	M
*Colonial Circulars	Q
Connoisseur	M
Contemporary Review	M
Contract Journal	W
Contractors' Record	W
*Co-operative News	W
Cornhill Magazine (*e*)	M
*Cornish Guardian	W
Cornish Post	W
*Cornubian	W
Country Life (*e*)	W
County Gentleman	W
Cycling	W
Daily Chronicle (*e*)	D
Daily Express (*e*)	D
Daily Graphic (*e*)	D
Daily Illustrated Mirror (*e*)	D
Daily Mail (*e*)	D
Daily News (*e*)	D
Daily Telegraph (*e*)	D
*Dartmouth Chronicle	W
*Defender	M
*Deliverer	M
*Devon and Exeter Daily Gazette	D
*Devon and Somerset W. News	W
Devonshire Notes and Queries	Q
Dickensian	M
*Drapers' Record	W
*East and the West	Q
Edinburgh Review	Q
*Educational Times	M
Electrical Review	W
Electrician	W
Engineer (*e*)	W
Engineering	W
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English Illustrated Magazine (*e*)	M
English Mechanic (*e*)	W
*Englishwoman's Review	Q
Exeter Diocesan Gazette	M
Family Friend	M
Field	W
*Food and Cookery	M
*Foresters' Miscellany	M
Fortnightly Review	F
*Freeman's Journal	D
*Freeman's Weekly	W
*Garden City	M
Gardener (*e*)	W
Gardener's Magazine	W
Gentlewoman	W
Girls' Own Paper	W
Globe	D
*Good Templars' Watchword	W
Good Words (*e*)	W
Graphic (*e*)	W
Great Thoughts	W
*Great Western Magazine (*e*)	M
*Hampstead Advertiser	W
Harper's Magazine	M
Hearth and Home (*e*)	W
*Herald of the Cross	M
*Herald of Health	M
Hibbert Journal	Q
*Humanitarian	M
*Humane Review	Q
Idler	M
Ilfracombe Chronicle	W
Illustrated London News (*e*)	W
Illustrated Western Weekly News (*e*)	W
*Individualist	M
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*Insurance Agent	M
International	M
*Investor's Guardian	W
*Jewish Chronicle	W
*Journal of British Architects	F
*Justice (*e*)	W
*Kingsbridge Gazette	W
Knowledge	M
Labour News	W
Lady (*e*)	W
Lady's Field	W
Lady's Pictorial	W
Lady's Realm	M
*Launceston Weekly News	W
*Laundry Journal	F
*L.G.O. (Local Government Officer)	W
Library World	M
*Liverpool Chamber of Commerce Monthly Magazine	M
Lloyd's Weekly	W
*Local Government Chronicle	W
*Machinery Market	W and M
Madame	W
Magazine of Commerce	M
*Mariner	M
*Metropolitan (Local Government Journal)	W
*Mission Field	M
Morning Leader (*e*)	D
Morning Post (*e*)	D
*Motor Traction	W
Munsey's Magazine (*e*)	M
*Musical Herald	M
Musical Times	M
*Musician's Monthly Journal	M
Nation (*e*)	W
*Nation in Arms	M
*National Temperance Quarterly	Q
Nature	W
Nautical Magazine	M
Naval and Military Directory	M
Naval and Military Record (*e*)	W
*Navy League Journal	M
Navy List	M and Q
Navy List, Lean's Royal	Q
*New Church Magazine	M
*Newquay Guardian	W
*New Zealand Farmer	M
Nineteenth Century	M
*North Devon Herald	W
*Northern Whig	D
Notes and Queries	W
*Nottingham Daily Express	D
*Oddfellows' Magazine	M
Office Notes	M
*One and All	M
*Our Own Gazette	M
*Our Work	M
Outlook (*e*)	W
*Palestine Exploration Statement	Q
Pall Mall Gazette	D
Pall Mall Magazine (*e*)	M
*Paper Maker	M
*Patent Office Index	M
*Patent Office Journal	W
*Patent Office Journal (Australian)	W
Pearson's Magazine (*e*)	M
Pearson's Weekly (*e*)	W
Penny Illustrated Paper (*e*)	W
Penny Magazine (*e*)	W
Penny Pictorial Magazine (*e*)	W
*Penryn Advertiser	W
People (*e*)	W
*Philatelic Journal	M
*Phonetic Journal	W
Photography	W
*Poor Law Officer's Journal	W
*Postivist's Review	M
*Practical Engineer	W
*Present Truth	W
*Printer's Register	M
Public Opinion (*e*)	W
Publisher's Circular	W
Punch (*e*)	W

Quarterly Review	Q
Queen (*e*)	W
*Queensland Government Gazette	M
*Queensland Government Mining Journal	M
*Queenslander	W
Quiver (*e*)	M
Railway Clerk	M
*Railway Review	W
*Register of Deceased Seamen	M
*Reports—Marine Department, Board of Trade	M
Review of Reviews (*e*)	M
Reynold's Newspaper	W
*Richmond and Twickenham Times	W
*Royal Cornwall Gazette	W
*St. Andrew's Parochial Magazine	M
St. James' Gazette	D
*Salcombe Times	W
Saturday Review	W
*Scotsman	W
Scribner's Magazine	M
Selborne Magazine	M
Shipping Gazette and Lloyd's List	D
Shipping Weekly Summary	W
*Shipping World	W
Shop Assistant	W
*Shorthand Gazette	M
Sketch (*e*)	W
*Social Democrat	M
*South Australian Register	W
Spectator	W
Sphere (*e*)	W
*Staffordshire Advertiser	W
*Staffordshire Sentinel	W
Standard (*e*)	D
*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal	M
*State Correspondent	M
Stationery World	M
Strand Magazine (*e*)	M
*Student's Journal	M
Studio	M
Sunday at Home (*e*)	M
*Tasmanian Mail	W
Tatler	W
*Temperance Advocate	W
*Theosophical Review	M
Times	D
*Torquay Directory	W
*Totnes Times	W
*Town and Country (Sydney)	W
T.P.'s Weekly (*e*)	W
Trade Marks Journal	W
Trade Marks Journal (Australian)	W
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*University Correspondent	F
*Vegetarian Messenger	M
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*Weekly Dispatch	W
*West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser	W
Western Daily Mercury (*e*)	D
Western Daily Press (Bristol)	D
Western Evening Herald (*e*)	D
*Western Guardian	W
Western Independent (*e*)	W
Western Morning News (*e*)	D
*Western Times	D
Western Weekly Mercury (*e*)	W
Westminster Gazette	D and W
Westminster Review	M
Wide World Magazine	M
Windsor Magazine (*e*)	M
Woman at Home (*e*)	M
Woman's Life	W
Women's Industrial News	M
*Worcester Herald	W
Work (*e*)	W
*Workmen's Messenger	M
World	W
*World's Carriers	M
World's Work	M
Young England	M

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Cook's Excursionist.
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Monographs on Artists. *Ed. by* H. Knackfuss. Contents:—Botticelli, Donatello, Durer, Holbein, Leonardo da Vinci, Raphael.
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Abstracts of the Existing Transcripts of the Lost Parish Registers of Devon (1596-1644), Vol. 1.
Cornwall Parish Registers (Marriages), Vol. XIV. *Ed. by* W. P. Phillimore and T. Taylor.
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1909—1910.

Elected November 9th, 1909.

Chairman :

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR,

ALDERMAN JOHN YEO.

Deputy-Chairman :

COUNCILLOR W. L. MUNDAY.

ALDERMAN S. COUMBE	MR. E. R. HILSON
ALDERMAN J. F. WINNICOTT	MR G. H. LANG.
COUNCILLOR I. FOOT	MR. C. R. SERPELL.
COUNCILLOR J. HAYNE PILLAR	DR. T. G. VAWDREY
COUNCILLOR H. SCOTT TUCKER	MR. W. J. VICKERY

MR. HAROLD WOLFERSTAN.

SUB-COMMITTEES :

Book Selection :—MESSRS. FOOT, MUNDAY, SERPELL, TUCKER, VAWDREY, WOLFERSTAN.

Finance and General Purposes :—MESSRS. COUMBE, HILSON, LANG, MUNDAY, VICKERY, WINNICOTT.

Site and Building :—THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR, MESSRS. HILSON, LANG, MUNDAY, PILLAR, SERPELL, TUCKER, VICKERY, WINNICOTT.

LIBRARY STAFF.

Secretary and Borough Librarian :

W. H. KEARLEY WRIGHT, F.R. HIST. SOC., F.L.A.

Sub-Librarian : R. E. WELLINGTON.

Senior Assistant : T. J. BURROW.

Assistants : L. ANNEAR, F. WALDRON.

Junior Assistants : E. BURLEY, Junr., T. J. RUNDLE, L. SCAWN.

Caretakers : E. BURLEY, JOSEPH LUCKHAM.

Attendant, Magazine Room : W. NOTT.

Attendant, Laira Branch : J. G. R. ANDERSON.

Attendant, Salisbury Road Branch : THOMAS POTTER.

Attendant, Hyde Park Road Branch : JOHN MADDOCK.

LIBRARY CHRONOLOGY.

1871 Library Acts Adopted.

1876 Librarian appointed (March).

Library formally opened (August).

1879 Opening of Reference Library (August).

1884 Re-opening of Library after extension of the building (November).

1885 Annual Meeting of the Library Association at Plymouth (September).

1886 Death of Mr. R. C. Serpell, founder of the Library (October 25th).

1888 Establishment of School Libraries.

1892 Opening of Cattedown Road Branch (February). (Closed August, 1901).

1893 Opening of Union Street Branch (October). (Transferred to Oxford Street, 1897). (Closed 1901).

1894 Death of Mr. William Henry Luke, Honorary Treasurer and Deputy Chairman (February, 27th).

1896 Re-opening of Library after extensive alterations (January).

1897. Opening of Laira Branch (March).

Opening of Compton Branch (April). Closed May, 1899).

Visit of American Librarians to Plymouth (July).

1898 Opening of Mount Street Branch (February). (Closed May, 1899).

1899 Death of Mr. George R. Barrett, Honorary Treasurer and Deputy-Chairman (August 24th).

Electric Light installed (October).

1900 Re-opening Mount Street Branch (October). (Closed 1901).

1901 Annual Meeting of the Library Association at Plymouth (August).

1904 Opening of Salisbury Road Branch (March 11th).

Opening of Hyde Park Road Branch (October 7th).

1905 Death of Councillor John Taylor (September).

Resignation af Alderman John Shelly (November).

1906 Mr. Andrew Carnegie's offer accepted (August).

1907 Laying of Foundation Stone, New Library (October).

Population of Plymouth, 1876	about 70,020
,, ,, 1910	125,223
Area of the Borough	acres 2,533
Rateable value of Plymouth, 1871	£166,332
,, ,, 1910	£572,617
Number of Volumes in Library, 1910	62,340
Number of Volumes issued during the Municipal year, 1909-10 ..	428,041
Number of Volumes issued in all departments since the opening of the Library to the end of March, 1910	9,184,219
Number of Borrowers' Tickets issued 1909-10	2,684
Nnmber of Borrowers enrolled since the opening of the Library ..	89,565
Number of Students' Tickets issued 1909-10	163

Report of the Deputy Chairman.

In accordance with custom, I am asked to write a few words by way of preface to the Librarian's Annual Report.

Mr. Wright has alluded to the increasing popularity of the Reference Library. This is an entirely healthy feature of the year's development. A rate-supported public library should be especially well equipped with works of reference. Its principal function, I venture to suggest, should be not so much to provide a lounge for the loafer, as to cater for the studiously inclined among general readers. In these times of what is complacently called "universal education" such persons should form a not insignificant class of the community.

The lack of pence, which, we are told, so much vexes public men, has lately prevented the Committee from doing as much as it could have wished in the direction I have indicated. But the Library will soon be installed in the new building; and the Committee with the proceeds of a penny rate then at its disposal will, it is to be hoped, be in a position to effect the needed replenishment of its book shelves.

It is hardly necessary to add that the Committee continue to appreciate fully the labour of Mr. Wright and his staff to promote the general usefulness of the Library.

W. L. MUNDAY,
Deputy Chairman.

2nd July, 1910.

Librarian's Report.

To the Right Worshipful the Mayor (the Chairman), the Deputy-Chairman, and the Members of the Free Library Committee of the Borough of Plymouth.

Gentlemen,

This, my thirty-third consecutive Annual Report, presents no special features, nothing of any particular moment having occurred since I last addressed you.

The new Library building (the foundation stone of which was laid in October, 1907) is still incomplete, the delay in opening arising from the non-delivery of the oak fittings and furniture ordered in June, 1909. There seems little probability, therefore, of the opening taking place until the autumn, as, after the building has been handed over by the Contractors, the work of transfer and rearrangement will occupy at least two months.

In July last the Architects submitted estimates for the flooring of the new building, and you approved the following arrangements at a cost of £409. The ground floor rooms, viz., the newspaper room, the lecture hall, and the public portion of the Lending Library to be laid with wood blocks; the entrance hall, main staircase, and upper vestibule to be laid with terrazzo; the Reference Library and local room with terralith; and the stack rooms, offices, Librarian's room, and the staff portion of the Lending Library with linoleum.

The electric light fittings have been completed; the heating apparatus is in working order, and many other minor details have been carried out; you will shortly be asked to decide upon some form of inscription to be placed in the hall, recording the gift by Dr. Carnegie and other matters of general interest. As the donor cannot undertake to perform the opening ceremony, the Mayor has consented to take that pleasing duty upon him.

It may be that the state of uncertainty as to the probable completion of the new building, and the curtailment in the purchase of new books has to some extent affected our issues during the past twelve months, there being a falling off in the various classes of the Lending Library. The daily average was 1268 in 1908-9, and 1203 in 1909-10. In the Reference department there is little difference, the daily average being 247 as against 248 in the previous year, and this with a smaller number of days.

The Reference Library is becoming increasingly popular; and as this department is worked on a modified form of open access, many books are used which are not entered in the daily register. This freedom to use the books on the shelves is much appreciated by our regular readers, but I have not been able to recommend its adoption in the Lending Library.

The other tables, giving the usual statistics, call for no particular comment.

There is a slight fluctuation in the returns from the Branch Evening Reading Rooms; but as we are dependent for the use of these rooms upon the various engagements made by the Education Authority, I fear better results cannot be expected under the existing system. In fact, it may be worth your consideration in the near future to close one of the three Evening Branches and retain a room in the basement of the present building as a news and reading room. This has been in my mind for a long time, and I am sure such a course would be highly popular and would be much appreciated by the people living in this district, besides relieving to a large extent any over-crowding in the new building. It is more than likely that some portion of the building may be utilized as offices by the Corporation, in which case a caretaker would have to be appointed, who could look after our room during the day, our own attendant being employed in the evening as at present. The extra expense of newspapers and magazines would not be great, as we could curtail the number supplied to the new building and transfer those which are at present sent to one of the outlying branches.

The additions to the Library stock have not been so large as in some previous years, mainly in consequence of the serious curtailment of the resources available.

The Library now contains, in all departments, 62,340 volumes, the largest additions during the past year having been made to the Reference Library and Devon and Cornwall collection. The latter now numbers nearly 11,000 volumes and pamphlets.

In my last report I stated that the catalogue of the Local, or Devon and Cornwall collection was written up to date, and that a card catalogue was in course of preparation. That has been completed; and a similar catalogue has been prepared of the books in the Reference Library.

The Class Catalogues of the Lending Department have all been brought up to date, and we are now engaged in preparing a card catalogue of the Lending Library. When this is completed it will be an easy task to keep the catalogue of the entire Library practically up to date; all books added being entered and duplicated as they are received. The advantage of this is obvious.

It is a matter of regret that, owing to lack of funds, the additions to the class catalogues have not been printed; this, as I pointed out in my last report is a serious detriment to the usefulness of the Library, and should be obviated at the earliest opportunity. At the same time, I must admit that our readers and borrowers are not liberal in their purchase of these publications, evidently preferring to consult those placed for use in the Library, rather than to take them home for personal reference.

The Saturday afternoon Lectures, inaugurated early in 1906, have been continued with great success, and have increased in popularity. Twenty-nine lectures were delivered in the last season, making a total of over one hundred lectures delivered since they were started. A list is given in the appendix.

It is gratifying to note that not only have we obtained the gratuitous services of our own townsmen in connection with these lectures, but we have been fortunate in securing the services of professional lecturers from London and elsewhere, who have given their services most freely and without remuneration. When I add that no less than forty-two individual lecturers have assisted, and others have rendered help in various ways, it will be realised that we are under a deep debt of obligation to those who have assisted us in what might have been a heavy and anxious task, but which has proved a

most easy and agreeable one. The attendance at these lectures has been most gratifying, considering the poor accommodation, and shows that our efforts have been appreciated by those for whom we have catered. We can but hope that in the new building, with a special room devoted to the purpose, their popularity will still further grow, and the audiences be largely increased.

In September last, by your kind permission, I attended the Annual Meeting of the Library Association, held at Sheffield under very pleasant auspices. At your request I furnished a detailed report, which I here incorporate for your information.

The Library Association was founded in 1877 at an International Conference held in London; consequently last year's meeting was the thirty-third annual meeting at which I have been present.

The President on this occasion was Alderman W. H. Brittain, J.P., Chairman of the Sheffield Library Committee, who was supported by a large and influential Committee, including the Lord Mayor of Sheffield, the Mayor of the adjoining town of Rotherham, the Master Cutler, and many other prominent citizens. The meetings were held at the University, where ample accommodation was provided, and the attendance was above the average.

After the purely formal business on Monday, the first session was opened on Tuesday morning, when the Lord Mayor formally welcomed the Association to the City. The President's address was of a highly practical character, and raised a most interesting discussion. Several papers, mainly of a local character, were delivered at this session, the most interesting being a paper on "Local Bibliography," by Mr. W. T. Freemantle. This paper was of particular interest to me, and I was able to compare notes with the author, who is a very extensive collector of the literature of Hallamshire, South Yorkshire, with a fringe of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. In wishing to raise the literary estimate of the district, the writer touched upon many local items from the introduction of printing into England to the year 1800, and on the introduction of printing presses in Sheffield, contending the field had not been ripe for a fair consideration of the subject. The paper advocated the formation of a local collection as complete as possible, and the publication of a bibliography of the district. Akin to this was a paper by Mr. R. A. Peddie, of London, on "Bibliography and Copyright," which advocated considerable reforms in the law of copyright, as well as the systematic preparation of bibliographies.

At the evening session, at which the public were admitted, Mr. L. Stanley Jast, Honorary Secretary of the Association, delivered a lecture illustrated by slides on "Public Library Work." This was of a very useful character and was much appreciated. The slides may be borrowed for local lectures.

The second morning session was held on Wednesday at 9-30 o'clock, and was opened by Mr. Henry Guppy, Librarian of the John Rylands' Library, Manchester, with a paper on "Co-operation: a Necessary Factor in Library Progress." This paper outlined a development of library work which is an ideal, to which we have not yet attained.

Mr. Henry R. Tedder, Librarian of the Athenæum, London, gave an exhaustive paper upon the "New Subject Index of the London Library," which he described as the most elaborate publication of the kind yet produced in England, and useful to all librarians.

Another paper was "On the Construction of the Subject Catalogue," by Mr. Guthrie Vine, of the John Ryland's Library. This described in detail the alphabetical subject catalogue, the writer claiming that the classified catalogue and the system of open access are not adequate substitutes.

The reading of these papers was followed by reports on the work of the various Committees of the Association, and included the Education Committee, the Law and Parliamentary Committee, and the Publications Committee.

The afternoon was devoted to a visit to the University and the University Library, and to the Ruskin Museum, descriptive papers being read by the Librarian and the Curator in each case.

On Thursday morning we had a series of intensely interesting papers on "Bookbinding," illustrated by lantern slides and exhibits. This proved highly attractive, one paper dealing with "Publishers' Bindings," by Mr. G. A. Stephen, St. Pancras Public Libraries; another on "Modern Book Papers and their Bindings," by Mr. Cedric Chivers, Bath. Other Council reports followed.

At the afternoon session we discussed the Report of the Council in all its details, which included various recommendations for the alteration of the bye-laws and some suggestions as to the status and re-classification of Fellows and Members. Also some propositions as to the position of Branch Associations, which led to a lengthy discussion, the matter being deferred to the Exeter meeting in September next.

The Sheffield Central Library was closed during the week of the Conference, but visits were paid to some of the branches. We also visited the Rotherham Free Library.

I noted with regret that there was no exhibition of library appliances as in previous years, but the exhibition of best books was larger and even more important than usual, and this was supplemented by an exhibition of bookbindings by some enterprising firms.

I still retain a seat on the Council of the Association.

In August last you decided to re-open the Reference Library on Wednesday afternoon. This was done, and is still continued, the average attendance being thirty-four (from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.).

During the past year you authorised me to take steps to obliterate the betting news from the daily papers supplied to the newsrooms, there having been frequent complaints as to the disorderly behaviour of those who frequented the newsroom for betting and book-making purposes. Gummed strips have been substituted for the blacking-out system in use in some Libraries; it is cleaner and more effectual. The step has had good results, the improvement in the order in the newsrooms being most marked.

The portraits of Mr. Thomas Stevens, Mayor of Plymouth 1854-1855 (presented by Mrs. Marshall Stevens); that of Mr. Francis Hicks, Mayor of Plymouth 1865-1866 (presented by Major James Rendle, V.D.); and that of Mr. A. Edmund Spender, Mayor 1908-1909 (presented by the Mayor); have been added during the year to the collection I have made for the adornment of the new building. We are still short of several portraits of the period covered by the operations of the Library (1870-1901). The wants include Mr. William Luscombe, Mayor 1869-1870; Mr. John Kelly, Mayor 1872-1873; Mr. John Greenway, Mayor 1883-1884; Mr. William Law, Mayor 1892-1895. The addition of these would be acceptable.

Two changes have taken place in the Committee during the past year. Councillor J. Hayne Pillar having been elected in the place of the ex-Mayor, and Mr. C. R. Serpell in the place of the Rev. J. T. Maxwell, who had left the town. No change has taken place in the Library staff.

I have again, on behalf of myself and staff, to thank you for your uniform kindness and consideration.

W. H. K. WRIGHT,
Borough Librarian.

June, 1910.

LECTURES.

The following Lectures were delivered from October 10th, 1909, to April 30th, 1910, in continuation of the List given in the previous year's Report.

No. 74, October 16th, 1909.—The Borough Librarian.
Subject—"Municipal Libraries and their True Functions."
Chairman—The Right Worshipful The Mayor (Mr. A. Edmund Spender).

No. 75, October 23rd, 1909.—Rev. Michael J. Burns, D.D.
Subject—"King Alfred and how he used his time."
Chairman—Councillor W. L. Munday.

No. 76, October 30th, 1909.—Mr. C. W. Bracken, B.A., F.E.S.
Subject—"Fairy Tales and Nursery Rhymes."
Chairman—Mr. C. R. Serpell.

No. 77, November 6th, 1909.—Rev. Michael J. Burns, D.D.
"Schooling in the Days of King Alfred."
Chairman—Mr. T. P. Treglohan.

No. 78, November 13th, 1909.—The Borough Librarian.
Subject—"The Poets and Poetry of Dartmoor."
Chairman—Alderman J. F. Winnicott, J.P.

No. 79, November 20th, 1909.—Rev. H. J. Chaytor, M.A.
Subject—"Cervantes and Don Quixote."
Chairman—Councillor H. Scott Tucker.

No. 80, November 27th, 1909.—Miss Raymond.
Subject—"William Watson and his Poems."
Chairman—Mr. G. P. Dymond, M.A.

No. 81, December 4th, 1909.—Rev. W. Gregory Harris (of Torquay).
Subject—"Robert Browning: His Life, Art, and Philosophy."
Chairman—Alderman R. W. Winnicott, J.P. (Deputy-Mayor).

No. 82, December 11th, 1909.—Mr. Collier James.
Subject—"Egyptian History from Art and Literature."
Chairman—Dr. T. G. Vawdrey.

No. 83, December 18th, 1909.—Dr. Clement Gatley, M.A., etc. (of London).
Subject—"Alfred Tennyson."
Chairman—Mr. George H. Lang.

No. 84, December 18th, 1909.—The Borough Librarian.
Readings from Dickens's "Christmas Carol."
Chairman—Mr. C. W. Bracken, B.A.

No. 85, January 1st, 1910.—Sir Mortimer Durand, G.C.M.G., etc.
Subject—"Omar Khayyam."
Chairman—Councillor W. L. Munday.

No. 86, January 8th, 1910.—Miss Helen Brinckman (of Steinway Hall, London).
Subject—"The Charge of the Light Brigade from Kinglake's 'Crimea.'"
(With recitations).
Chairman—Captain G. H. Inskip, R.N., J.P.

No. 87, January 15th, 1910.—Mr. John Hitchings.
Subject—"Charles Dickens and 'Great Expectations.'"
Chaiman—Rev. T. C. Simpson.

No. 88, January 22nd, 1910.—Mr. Osborn Waterhouse, M.A. (of Exeter).
Subject—"Thomas Hood: Poet and Humorist."
Chairman—Rev. Michael J. Burns, D.D.

No. 89, January 29th, 1910.—Mrs. John Skelton.
Subject—"Shakspere's Tragedy, 'Romeo and Juliet.'"
Chairman—Mr. Frank Underhill.

No. 90, February 5th, 1910.—The Borough Librarian.
Subject.—"Benjamin Robert Haydon, a famous Plymouth Painter."
Chairman—Alderman Thomas Brook, J.P.

No. 91, February 12th, 1910.—Mr. J. J. Alexander, M.A. (of Tavistock).
Subject—"Lewis Carroll, the Author of 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland,' etc."
Chairman—Mr. W. Cecil Wade.

No. 92, February 19th, 1910.—Mr. A. L. Strachan, B.A.
Subject—"Folklore from Shakspere."
Chairman—Councillor T. B. Senior.

No. 93, February 26th, 1910.—Mr. J. E. Pillar.
Subject—"Sermons in Stones." (Notes on observations and use of text-books.)
Chairman—Mr. R. Hansford Worth, F.G.S.

No. 94, March 5th, 1910—Rev. W. Howard Coates
Subject—"Fools, Shaksperean and Modern."
Chairman—Rev. J. T. Trelawny-Ross, D.D.

No. 95, March 12th, 1910.—Rev. W. K. Burford.
Subject—"G. K. Chesterton."
Chairman—Mr. G. H. Lang.

No. 96, March 19th, 1910.—Mr. J. Newton Hearn.
Subject—"Longfellow's 'Golden Legend.'"
Chairman—Alderman W. Hornbrook, J.P.

No. 97, March 26th, 1910.—Rev. Michael J. Burns, D.D.
Subject—"King Arthur."
Chairman—Dr. T. G. Vawdrey.

No. 98, April 2nd, 1910.—Mr. J. H. Lucas.
Subject—"Our Sea Songs and their Story."
Chairman—Mr. George Crocker, C.B.

No. 99, April 9th, 1910.—Mr. H. Penrose Prance.
Subject—"Charles Dickens as Social Reformer."
Chairman—Dr. C. E. Russel Rendle.

No. 100, April 16th, 1910.—Mr. Jno. H. Belcher.
Subject—"English Types in the Canterbury Tales."
Chairman—Councillor Isaac Foot.

No. 101, April 23rd, 1910.—Mr. Reginald Waddy, A.R.C.O.
Subject—"Shakspere on Songs and Singing."
President—Mrs. John Skelton.

No. 102, April 30th, 1910.—The Borough Librarian.
Subject—"Special Local Collection in the Plymouth Free Public Library."
Chairman—Mr. C. W. Bracken, B.A.

TABLE I.

Additions made to the Library.

Class Letter.	Works as Classified.	No of Volumes.		
		1909.	1910.	Increase 1910.
A	Theology, Religion, and Philosophy ...	1463	1476	13
B	Biography and Correspondence	3165	3202	37
C	History, Voyages, and Travels	4424	4491	67
D	Education, Political Economy, &c. ...	1003	1028	25
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History ...	1994	2020	26
F	Poetry, Classics, and the Drama ...	1967	2004	37
G	Prose Fiction	9246	9389	143
H	Miscellaneous Works	250	250	...
I	Magazines and Reviews	3529	3600	71
M	Music	320	336	16
R	Books for the Blind	153	153	..
J) S)	Juvenile Books, including School Libraries	8258	8308	50
K	Reference Works (Reference Library) ...	14986	15231	245
L	Devon and Cornwall Library	10687	10852	165
	TOTALS ...	61445	62340	895

TABLE II.

Register of Borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets issued previously, as per Thirty-two published Reports ...	86,881
Borrowers' Tickets issued since the publication of the last Report	2207
Students' Tickets	163
Laira Branch	130
Salisbury Road Branch	70
Hyde Park Road Branch	114
	89,565

TABLE III.

Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year, with reasons asssigned.

Borrowers left the town	25
,, deceased	7
,, withdrawn	21
Guarantor withdrawn	5
Cancelled (unclaimed)	42
	100

TABLE IV.

Ages of Borrowers enrolled during the twelve months ending March 31st, 1910.

Under 15 years			323
From 15 to 20 years			561
,, 20 to 25 ,,			328
,, 25 to 30 ,,			182
,, 30 to 40 ,,			364
,, 40 to 50 ,,			133
,, 50 to 60 ,,			70
,, 60 upwards			49
Ages not recorded:	Burgesses	435	
,,	Non-Burgesses	239	
			674
			2684

TABLE V.

Residential Distribution of Borrowers.

	Burgess.	Non-Burgess.	Total.
Vintry Ward	21	32	53
St. Andrew's Ward	29	118	147
Hoe Ward	26	122	148
Millbay Ward	15	73	88
St. Peter's Ward	22	69	91
Frankfort Ward	28	131	159
Drake's Ward	36	129	165
Charles' Ward	34	114	148
Greenbank Ward	50	126	176
Mutley Ward	82	305	387
Compton Ward	51	135	186
Laira Ward	81	206	287
Friary Ward	39	134	173
Sutton Ward	24	104	128
Non-Residents	—	34	34
Borrowers at Laira Branch	46	84	130
,, Salisbury Road Branch	30	40	70
,, Hyde Park Road Branch	40	74	114
	654	2030	2684

TABLE VI.

Occupation of Borrowers, 1909-10.

Classification.	*No.*
Accountants, Clerks, &c.	263
Agents and Managers	51
Apprentices	64
Architects	10
Artists	6
Assistants, Shop	90
Bakers and Confectioners	31
Boot and Shoe Makers	22
Builders and Contractors	12
Butchers, &c.	30
Cabinet Makers, Carpenters, and Joiners	41
Chemists, Druggists, &c.	22
Civil Service Officials	30
Clergy and Ministers	28
Commercial Travellers	41
Customs and Board of Trade Officials	17
Dairymen, Gardeners, &c.	36
Dentists	9
Domestic Servants	49
Drapers	31
Draughtsmen	8
Electricians	27
Engineers and Engine Fitters	53
Engravers and Lithographers	7
Errand Boys, Office Boys, and Messengers	33
Foremen	12
Grocers and Tea Dealers	22
Hair Dressers	15
Inspectors	22
Ironmongers	4
Journalists, Reporters, &c.	10
Labourers and Porters	12
Mariners	21
Married Women (so specified)	135
Masons and Plasterers	24
Medical Men	3
Merchants and Manufacturers	12
Milliners and Dressmakers	41
Musicians, Tuners, &c.	10
Nurses	12
Officers, Army and Navy	36
Painters and Decorators	34
Pawnbrokers	4
Pensioners	51
Photographers	5
Plumbers and Gasfitters	21
Printers and Compositors	27
Railway Officials	33
Sailmakers	2
School Children and Students	411
School Masters, Mistresses, and Teachers	133
Shipwrights	29
Shopkeepers	31
Smiths, Stokers, &c.	12
Solicitors	6
Spinsters (so specified)	34
Surveyors	11
Tailors and Outfitters, &c.	30
Tobacconists	7
Typists	14
Upholsterers	12
Waiters	9
Warehousemen	15
Watchmakers, Jewellers, &c.	10
Widows (so specified)	22
Occupations not recorded, or persons having no settled occupation	319
Total	2684

TABLE VII.

Return of Issues in the Central and Branch Lending Departments, from April 1st, 1909, to March 31st, 1910, with Monthly Totals and Averages.

MONTH.	Days open.	A—Theology and Philosophy.	B—Biography and Correspondence.	C—History, Voyages and Travels.	D—Political Econ. and Education.	E—Art, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Classics, and Drama.	G—Prose Fiction	I—Magazines and Reviews.	J—Juvenile Works.	L—Local Works.	M—Musical Works.	R—Books for Blind.	S & T—Schools and Evening Branches.	TOTALS.	Daily Average.
1909.																
April ..	24	259	488	558	268	571	397	8,937	737	1,591	761	172	*153 Volumes on loan at the Blind Institution	15,747	*153 30,486	1,270
May ..	25	229	425	543	218	530	361	9,244	718	1,593	735	184		15,639	30,419	1,216
June ..	26	246	435	556	229	563	412	9,263	736	1,597	657	184		15,664	30,542	1,174
July ..	27	218	389	453	193	451	311	9,800	569	1,236	515	136		15,672	29,943	1,109
August ..	25	237	451	540	243	537	353	9,358	734	1,607	730	174		15,653	30,617	1,224
September	26	251	498	526	212	533	412	9,391	846	1,683	732	166		15,701	30,951	1,190
October ..	26	264	452	519	251	491	388	9,412	743	1,541	698	174		15,591	30,524	1,174
November	26	310	473	482	274	506	422	9,518	692	1,579	742	186		16,124	31,308	1,204
December	24	251	450	518	206	524	403	9,122	738	1,498	684	169		15,552	30,115	1,254
1910.																
January ..	16	191	264	391	184	372	198	5,217	429	1,022	411	102		10,451	19,232	1,202
February ..	24	209	473	482	226	488	379	9,003	528	1,554	704	158		15,070	29,283	1,220
March ..	25	223	415	510	214	492	388	9,178	642	1,596	696	172		15,821	30,347	1,213
Totals ..	294	2,888	5,213	6,078	2,718	6,058	4,424	107,443	8,112	18,097	8,065	1,977	153	182,694	353,920	1,203

TABLE VIII.

Works consulted in the Reference Department (including Devon and Cornwall Books), from April 1st, 1909, to March 31st, 1910, inclusive.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Biblical and Religious Works.	B—Biographical Works.	C—General History, Travels, &c.	D—Dictionaries, Encyclopædias, and other comprehensive Works.	E—Arts, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Drama, and the Classics.	G—Fiction and General Literature.	H—Heraldic and Genealogical Works.	I—Magazines, Reviews, and Newspapers.	J—General Topographical Works.	L—Works relating to Devon and Cornwall.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1909.														
April ..	24	281	302	379	1,123	392	421	92	336	2,204	381	499	6,410	267
May ..	25	265	321	410	1,042	312	452	88	344	2,289	406	510	6,439	257
June ..	26	292	304	421	1,191	406	511	102	366	2,295	424	532	6,904	250
July ..	27	301	292	452	1,154	394	483	81	303	2,185	451	478	6,574	243
August ..	25	272	248	401	1,096	312	413	95	297	2,151	399	502	6,186	247
September	26	251	284	422	1,144	422	402	74	318	2,099	441	521	6,378	245
October ..	26	262	310	511	1,126	405	528	86	332	2,197	452	540	6,749	259
November	26	203	274	421	1,044	320	402	71	288	2,010	321	432	5,786	222
December	24	274	33[illegible]	354	1,019	318	399	82	242	2,022	317	411	5,769	240
1910.														
January ..	22	196	232	316	1,002	292	311	68	217	1,988	293	397	5,312	241
February	24	199	241	332	1,054	304	359	80	253	2,002	301	416	5,541	230
March ..	25	261	282	416	1,085	361	388	74	310	2,051	351	494	6,073	245
Totals—	300	3057	3481	4835	13,080	4,238	5,069	993	3,606	25,493	4,537	5,732	74,121	247

TABLE IX.

Statement of the work of the Library in all Departments comprised in the thirty-three published Reports.

Year.	Days Open.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	R	S & T	TOTALS	Daily Average.
1876-85	2566	12,494	38,424	91,202	6,559	34,936	23,347	664,765	22,762	107,727	175,768	173,972	34,302	..	..	..	1,386,258	540
1886..	285	1,113	2,354	6,184	540	3,384	1,9`9	69,000	1,534	10,452	19,859	40,806	3,958	..	..	..	160,823	564
1887..	287	1,278	2,280	5,875	644	2,960	1,642	66,665	1,465	11,019	21,702	28,979	3,392	..	..	..	147,901	515
1888-89	351	1,343	3,390	9,515	709	3,386	1,990	86,547	2,918	12,509	84,113	37,857	7,464	..	..	..	251,739	710
1889-90	156 289	404	1,418	3,794	236	1,508	716	35,701	1,224	5,016	51,360	33,553	3,247	..	..	..	138,177	670 L.D. 116 R.D.
1890-91	286	777	2,474	6,974	358	2,207	1,095	64,813	2,038	9,362	104,404	32,133	5,217	..	..	..	231,852	810
1891-92	290	815	2,489	6,579	482	2,339	1,352	59,889	1,204	8,783	88,819	43,252	3,835	..	..	11,350	231,188	797
1892-93	285	711	2,010	4,615	590	2,275	1,032	56,457	859	8,909	12,977	49,151	393	..	..	112,365	252,344	885
1893-94	288	963	1,818	4,920	798	2,384	1,013	57,629	1,071	7,997	15,065	52,414	847	..	..	154,500	301,419	1,046
1894-95	285	1,073	2,022	4,381	819	2,138	758	54,932	987	6,081	14,564	58,366	1,811	..	..	144,667	292,599	1,026
1895-96	112	467	958	2,340	189	1,175	478	25,545	434	2,957	7,224	21,224	1,235	..	..	128,705	192,931	1,722
1896-97	284 302	990	3,279	7,527	541	4,022	1,665	76,032	1,090	7,562	17,145	65,304	4,466	..	302	135,436	325,361	915 L.D. 216 R.D.
1897-98	299 300	1,437	5,009	7,600	618	4,814	1,303	81,401	955	6,904	11,990	66,306	4,437	..	459	184,319	377,552	1040 L.D. 221 R.D.
1898-99	294 300	1,084	4,005	6,707	649	4,707	2,193	66,394	499	5,550	7,977	62,901	4,982	561	256	210,346	378,811	1074 L.D. 209 R.D.
1899-00	292	926	3,276	6,082	522	3,270	1,229	56,686	203	5,987	8,541	55,936	3,347	674	226	199,366	346,271	994 L.D. 191 R.D.
1900-01	297	1,006	2,939	6,066	583	3,125	1,265	62,228	134	6,607	8,920	62,128	4,126	1,025	135	219,553	379,840	1069 L.D. 209 R.D.
1901-02	293	1,191	3,418	5,287	769	4,597	1,367	63,493	14	6,925	6,743	65,121	4,217	1,182	72	200,488	364,884	1023 L.D. 222 R.D.
1902-03	295 297	2,033	5,346	7,489	1,766	6,935	3,180	72,016	..	8,079	7,474	70,609	5,732	1,614	153	195,658	388,084	1076 L.D. 237 R.D.
1903-04	294 296	2,259	5,251	7,358	1,580	7,110	3,660	86,148	..	9,025	11,485	70,864	6,954	2,087	153	186,380	400,314	1120 L.D. 230 R.D.
1904-05	295 301	2,583	5,922	8,256	2,800	8,160	4,453	100,821	..	10,352	19,420	72,281	9,319	2,371	153	169,755	416,646	1167 L.D. 240 R.D.
1905-06	298 303	3,098	5,942	8,183	3,372	8,420	4,697	100,501	..	10,221	19,961	73,087	9,170	2,197	153	198,546	447,548	1256 L.D. 241 R.D.
1906-07	294 301	2,797	5,086	7,017	2,845	7,395	3,938	96,930	..	9,839	20,392	74,347	8,129	1,873	153	200,285	441,026	1247 L.D. 247 R.D.
1907-08	299 309	3,426	5,804	7,381	3,195	7,716	4,738	102,543	..	9,778	22,246	76,770	8,801	2,507	153	199,492	454,550	1263 L.D. 248 R.D.
1908-09	293 307	3,181	5,809	7,065	2,966	7,200	4,803	105,306	..	10,012	21,560	76,357	9,056	2,147	153	192,445	448,060	1268 L.D. 248 R.D.
1909-10	294 300	2,888	5,213	6,078	2,718	6,058	4,424	107,443	..	8,112	18,097	74,121	8,065	1,977	153	182,694	428,041	1203 L.D. 247 R.D.

TABLE X.*

Showing the Accessions in all Departments of the Library from year to year since the opening in August, 1876, and the present state of the Library Stock.

Year.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	R	S	Totals.	Yearly Increase.
1876-77	326	744	1,637	145	487	469	1,373	431	759	473	666	368	..	..	..	7,908	..
1878..	404	863	1,854	205	595	513	1,686	597	1,116	513	975	583	..	..	..	9,906	1,998
1879..	451	917	1,920	229	661	608	1,795	613	1.227	668	1,426	746	..	..	..	11,261	1,355
1880..	478	967	1,944	256	698	628	2,031	619	1,270	769	1,970	1,091	..	..	..	12,721	1,460
1881..	509	1,024	2,061	289	730	690	2,265	633	1,380	876	2,155	1,397	..	..	..	14,009	1,288
1882..	580	1,086	2,147	311	825	720	2,375	639	1,557	984	2,629	1,666	..	..	..	15,519	1,510
1883..	625	1,109	2,163	324	849	754	2.457	645	1,614	1,047	3.345	2,110	..	..	..	17,042	1,523
1884..	629	1,129	2,220	353	898	782	2,636	650	1,670	1,069	5,200	2.290	..	..	..	19,506	2,464
1885..	656	1,162	2,254	380	959	828	2,811	661	1,754	1,118	5,670	2,655	..	..	..	20.908	1,402
1886..	689	1,282	2,390	424	1,029	848	3,218	741	1,844	1,284	6.480	2,743	..	..	..	22,972	2,064
1887..	708	1,354	2,514	459	1,115	878	3.419	805	1.908	1,734	6,750	2,958	..	..	..	24,602	1.630
1888-89	751	1,433	2,624	479	1,182	912	3,649	892	2,116	2,480	7,045	3,275	..	..	..	26,833	2,231
1889-90	758	1,502	2,688	494	1.210	959	4,041	918	2,159	2,787	7,559	3,895	..	..	..	28.970	2,137
1890-91	794	1,561	2,820	523	1,256	990	4 304	957	2,232	2,934	8,040	4.320	..	..	..	30,731	1,761
1891-92	816	1,618	2,894	601	1,303	1,008	4,582	970	2,314	2.997	8.325	5,464	..	..	..	33.533	2,802
1892-93	867	1,678	2,955	625	1.354	1,075	4 749	981	2,442	3,892	8.630	6,003	..	..	110	35,361	1,828
1893-94	892	1,731	3,037	637	1,406	1,102	5,035	983	2,506	4,290	9,592	6,350	..	..	238	37,799	2,438
1894-95	935	1,777	3,076	657	1,443	1,118	5,203	989	2,588	936	10,063	6,897	..	..	3,074	38,960	1,161
1895-96	947	1,802	3,118	662	1,471	1,144	5,377	990	2,680	967	10,411	7,356	..	..	3.236	40,161	1,201
1896 97	959	1,945	3,205	670	1,567	1,226	5,671	992	2,737	980	10,701	7.789	..	138	3,496	42,076	1,915
1897-98	978	2,291	3,276	688	1,594	1,273	5,937	999	2,856	999	11,087	8,021	..	155	3,837	44,091	2,015
1898-99	985	2,361	3.336	745	1,624	1,316	6,110	699	2,970	1,034	11.461	8,282	81	170	4,004	45,278	1,187
1899 00	1.024	2,438	3,464	758	1.660	1,458	6,154	365	2,006	1,041	11.799	8,373	108	181	4,268	46,197	919
1900-01	1,051	2,513	3,677	773	1,686	1,533	6,323	250	3.088	1,042	12,296	8,709	119	190	4,222	47,572	1,375
1901-02	1,073	2,539	3,733	789	1,698	1,594	6,521	250	3,146	1,057	12,694	9,022	119	190	4,380	48,905	1,333
1902-03	1,286	2,615	3,841	814	1,736	1,688	6,796	250	3,184	1,070	13,023	92,15	187	153	4,676	50,534	1,629
1903-04	1,302	2.694	3,940	827	1.780	1,723	7,130	250	3,261	1,150	13,387	9,367	188	153	5,385	52,537	2,003
1904-05	1,325	2,764	4,038	877	1,812	1.768	7.525	250	3,319	1,183	13,757	9,526	278	153	5,701	54,276	1,739
1905-06	1,363	2,844	4,116	918	1.853	1.791	7,896	250	3.386	1,220	14,058	9,668	309	153	6,092	55,917	1,641
1906-07	1,378	2,937	4,249	941	1,907	1,835	8,375	250	3,398	1.282	14,328	10,297	309	153	6,439	58,078	1,161
1907-08	1,442	3,055	4,337	967	1,937	1,925	8,855	250	3.517	1,331	14,664	10,482	313	153	6,668	59,896	1,818
1908-09	1,463	3,165	4.424	1,003	1,994	1.967	9,246	250	3,529	1,373	14.986	10,687	320	153	6,885	61,445	1,549
1909-10	1,476	3,202	4,491	1,028	2.020	2.004	9.389	250	3,600	1,381	15,231	10.852	336	153	6.927	62,340	895

*—For Key to Classification, see Tables VII. and VIII.

TABLE XI.

BRANCH EVENING READING ROOMS.

Return of Monthly Issues and Attendance.

Month.	Laira.		Salisbury Road		Hyde Park Rd.	
	Issues.	Attendance.	Issues.	Attendance.	Issues.	Attendance.
1909.						
April ..	413	857	242	936	309	1,026
May ..	379	901	272	1,244	352	1,337
June ..	411	1036	217	946	281	1,047
July ..	444	948	265	1,198	354	1,291
August ..	384	922	230	928	260	971
September	378	927	254	981	292	1,100
October ..	447	898	312	1,246	460	1,541
November ..	384	900	256	1,066	378	1,225
December ..	409	472	239	970	319	969
1910.						
January ..	297	569	295	1,133	384	1,251
February .	314	769	263	1,070	371	1,174
March ..	321	673	252	1,023	344	1,123
Totals ..	4,581	9,872	3,097	12,741	4,104	14,055

Table showing Progress at Branch Evening Reading Rooms.

Branch.	1908-9.		1909-10.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Issues.	Attendance.	Issues.	Attendance.	Issu's	Attd.	Issu's	Attd.
Laira ..	5,448	11,493	4,581	9,872	..	..	867	1,261
Salisbury Road ..	3,234	12,405	3,097	12,741	..	336	137	..
Hyde Pk. Road ..	3,736	13,347	4,104	14,055	368	708	..	..
Totals ..	12,418	37,245	11,782	36,668	..	..	939	577

TABLE XII.

The following is a List of School Libraries with number of Volumes supplied from the Central Library:—

Cattedown Road	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Charles'	Boys	50
,,	Girls	50
Compton	Mixed	100
Grey Coat	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Holy Cross	Boys	100
Holy Trinity	Boys	60
Household of Faith	Girls	50
Hyde Park Road	Boys	150
,, ,, ,,	Girls	150
King Street	Boys	100
Laira Green	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Mount Street	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
North Road	Girls	100
Palace Court	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Prince Rock	Girls	150
Public School, Cobourg Street	Mixed	88
Regent Street	Higher Grade	350
St. Andrew's	Boys	75
,,	Girls	50
St. Boniface	Boys	50
St. Catharine's	Boys	25
,,	Girls	25
St. James'	Boys	53
St. John's	Boys	120
,,	Girls	120
St. Peter's	Boys	120
,,	Girls	100
Salisbury Road	Boys	100
Sutton Road	Mixed	100
Treville Street	Boys	100
Union Street	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	120
Wolsdon Street	Girls	100
		3856

School Libraries.

The following regulations are in force for the management of School Libraries:—

(*a*) The Principal Teachers are held responsible for the proper cataloguing, issuing, collecting, and exchanging of the books for their respective departments, but may delegate the work of registration, etc., to an Assistant Teacher, or arrange for the work to be done in rotation by all the Assistants in the School.

(*b*) On the receipt, return, or transfer of books from the Free Library, each book shall be entered on the School Catalogue in the Form determined.

(*c*) A record shall be kept in the "Lending Book" of the names and addresses of the children making use of the Library, and the date and number of each book taken out or returned. Only one work at a time shall be taken by the same child.

(*d*) The whole of the children whose names appear on the Admission Register of the Department, and who are working in or above Standard III. shall be entitled to the benefit of the Library. The Principal Teacher may, however, have the right of withholding books from those who are known to have wilfully or carelessly damaged or injured any of the books taken out of the said Libraries.

(*e*) A specified time in each week, most convenient to each particular School, shall be fixed for the issue and collection of books, which shall apply to all children referred to in Section D, and such times shall be inserted on the labels affixed to the books, and shall be exhibited on a card hung on the walls of the Schoolroom.

(*f*) A list or catalogue of the books in the School, lent by the Library Committee, shall be hung in the School where it can be easily seen and referred to by the children.

(*g*) Each set of books at certain periods shall be returned direct to the Free Library; books worn out or otherwise unfit for circulation being replaced by new copies or other works when deemed desirable. Any School Library may, however, be retained for a further term, if so desired by the Principal Teachers.

(*h*) All books in circulation, with the remaining portion of the School Library not in circulation, shall be collected together at the School for inspection twice in each year, immediately before the Summer and Winter holidays, or at such times as may be fixed by the Librarian.

(*i*) The General Rules of the Free Library Committee shall, as far as applicable, be observed, and the Teachers shall make such periodical returns as the Librarian may require.

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London and North Western
London and South Western
London, Brighton, and South Coast
Midland
North Eastern
South Eastern

IRISH RAILWAYS,

Belfast and Northern Counties
Midiand Great Western

SCOTCH RAILWAYS.

Caledonian
Glasgow and South Western
Great North of Scotland
Highland
North British

SHIPPING COMPANIES.

British India Steam Navigation Co.
Clyde Shipping Co.
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LIST OF PERIODICALS.

SUPPLIED TO THE

GENERAL NEWS-ROOMS
AND EVENING READING ROOMS

*Presented by Publishers and others. (*e*) Denotes Evening Reading Rooms.

D—*Daily.* **W**—*Weekly.* **F**—*Fortnightly.* **M**—*Monthly.* **Q**—*Quarterly.*

Agricultural Economist	W
*Alliance News	W
Animal World	M
*Animal's Friend	M
*Animal's Guardian	M
Antiquary	M
Arbitrator	M
Army List	M and Q
Art Journal	M
*Aspirant (*e*)	W
Athenæum	W
*Auckland Star	W
*Banner of Israel	W
*Belfast News	W
Bazaar, Exchange and Mart	TRI-W
*Bideford Weekly Gazette	W
Black and White (*e*)	W
*Blackpool Times	W
Blackwood's Magazine	M
*Bladud	W
*Board of Trade Journal	W
*Bodmin Guardian	W
Bookseller	W
*Bournemouth Visitors' Directory	W
Boy's Own Paper	W
British Esperantist	M
*British Temperance Advocate	M
British Weekly	W
British Workman (*e*)	M
British Workwoman	M
Broad Arrow	W
Builder	W
Building News (*e*)	W
Building World	W
Canada	W
*Canadian Gazette	W
*Canadian Life	M
Captain (*e*)	M
Cassell's Magazine (*e*)	M
Cassell's Saturday Journal (*e*)	W
*Catholic Fireside	W
*Catholic Times	W
*Catholic Weekly	W
Century Magazine	M
Chamber's Journal (*e*)	M
*Charles' Parish Magazine	M
*Christian Life	W
*Christian Science Journal	M
*Christian Science Sentinel	W
Chums (*e*)	W
Church Gazette	M
*Church Intelligencer	M
*Church Quarterly Review	Q
*Church Times	W
*Civil Service Candidate	W
*Civil Service Competitor (*e*)	W
Civilian	W
*Clarion	W
Clerk	W
*Clerk of Works Association Journal	M
Connoisseur	M
*Conservative and Unionist	M
Contemporary Review	M
Contract Journal	W
Contractors' Record	W
*Co-operative News	W
Cornhill Magazine (*e*)	M
*Cornish Guardian	W
Cornish Post	W
*Cornubian	W
Country Life (*e*)	W
County Gentleman	W
Cycling	W
Daily Chronicle (*e*)	D
Daily Express (*e*)	D
Daily Graphic (*e*)	D
Daily Illustrated Mirror (*e*)	D
Daily Mail (*e*)	D
Daily News (*e*)	D
Daily Telegraph (*e*)	D
*Dartmouth Chronicle	W
*Defender	M
*Deliverer	M
*Devon and Exeter Daily Gazette	D
*Devon and Somerset W. News	W
Devonshire Notes and Queries	Q
Dickensian	M
*Drapers' Record	W
*East and the West	Q
Edinburgh Review	Q
*Educational Times	M
Electrical Review	W
Electrician	W
Engineer (*e*)	W
Engineering	W
Engineering Magazine	M

*English Churchman	W
English Illustrated Magazine (*e*)	M
English Mechanic (*e*)	W
*Englishwoman's Review	Q
Era	W
Exeter Diocesan Gazette	M
Family Friend	M
Field	W
*Food and Cookery	M
*Foresters' Miscellany	M
Fortnightly Review	F
*Free Trader	M
*Freeman's Journal	D
*Freeman's Weekly	W
Gardener (*e*)	W
Gardener's Magazine	W
Gentlewoman	W
Globe	D
*Good Templars' Watchword	W
Good Words (*e*)	W
Graphic (*e*)	W
Great Thoughts	W
*Great Western Magazine (*e*)	M
Guardian	W
*Hampstead Advertiser	W
Harper's Magazine	M
Hearth and Home (*e*)	W
*Herald of the Cross	M
*Herald of Health	M
Hibbert Journal	Q
*Humanitarian	M
*Humane Review	Q
Idler	M
Ilfracombe Chronicle	W
Illustrated London News (*e*)	W
Illustrated Western Weekly News (*e*)	W
*India	W
*Individualist	M
*Inquirer	W
*Insurance Agent	M
*Investor's Guardian	W
*Jewish Chronicle	W
*Journal of British Architects	F
*Justice (*e*)	W
*Kingsbridge Gazette	W
Knowledge	M
Labour News	W
Lady (*e*)	W
Lady's Field	W
Lady's Pictorial	W
Lady's Realm	M
*Launceston Weekly News	W
Library World	M
Lloyd's Weekly	W
*Local Government Chronicle	W
*L.G.O. (Local Government Officer)	W
*Machinery Market	W and M
Madame	W
Magazine of Commerce	M
*Mariner	M
*Metropolitan (Local Government Journal)	W
*Mid-Devon Advertiser	W
*Mission Field	M
Morning Leader (*e*)	D
Morning Post (*e*)	D
*Motor Traction	W
Munsey's Magazine (*e*)	M
*Musical Herald	M
Musical Times	M
*Musician's Monthly Journal	M
Nation (*e*)	W
*Nation in Arms	M
*National Temperance Quarterly	Q
Nature	W
Nautical Magazine	M
Naval and Military Directory	M
Naval and Military Record (*e*)	W
*Navy League Journal	M
Navy List	M and Q
Navy List, Lean's Royal	Q
*New Church Magazine	M
*Newquay Guardian	W
*New Zealand Farmer	M
Nineteenth Century	M
*North Devon Herald	W
*Northern Whig	D
Notes and Queries	W
*Nottingham Daily Express	D
*Oddfellows' Magazine	M
Office Notes	M
*One and All	M
*Our Own Gazette	M
*Our Work	M
Outlook (*e*)	W
*Palestine Exploration Statement	Q
Pall Mall Gazette	D
Pall Mall Magazine (*e*)	M
*Paper Maker	M
*Patent Office Index	M
*Patent Office Journal	W
*Patent Office Journal (Australian)	W
Pearson's Magazine (*e*)	M
Pearson's Weekly (*e*)	W
Penny Illustrated Paper (*e*)	W
Penny Magazine (*e*)	W
Penny Pictorial Magazine (*e*)	W
People (*e*)	W
*Philatelic Journal	M
*Phonetic Journal	W
Photography	W
*Poor Law Officer's Journal	W
*Postivist's Review	M
*Practical Engineer	W
*Present Truth	W
*Printer's Register	M
Public Opinion (*e*)	W
Publisher's Circular	W
Punch (*e*)	W

Quarterly Review	Q
Queen (*e*)	W
*Queensland Government Gazette	M
*Queensland Government Mining Journal	M
*Queenslander	W
Quiver (*e*)	M
Railway Clerk	M
*Railway Review	W
*Register of Deceased Seamen	M
*Reports—Marine Department, Board of Trade	M
Review of Reviews (*e*)	M
Reynold's Newspaper	W
*Richmond and Twickenham Times	W
*Royal Cornwall Gazette	W
*St. Andrew's Parochial Magazine	M
St. James' Gazette	D
*Salcombe Times	W
Saturday Review	W
*Scotsman	W
Scribner's Magazine	M
Shipping Gazette and Lloyd's List	D
Shipping Weekly Summary	W
*Shipping World	W
Shop Assistant	W
*Shorthand Gazette	M
Sketch (*e*)	W
*Social Democrat	M
*South Australian Register	W
Spectator	W
Sphere (*e*)	W
*Staffordshire Advertiser	W
*Staffordshire Sentinel	W
Standard (*e*)	D
*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal	M
*State Correspondent	M
Stationery World	M
Strand Magazine (*e*)	M
*Student's Journal	M
Studio	M
Sunday at Home (*e*)	M
*Tasmanian Mail	W
Tatler	W
*Temperance Advocate	W
Times	D
*Torquay Directory	W
*Totnes Times	W
*Town and Country (Sydney)	W
T.P.'s Weekly (*e*)	W
Trade Marks Journal	W
Trade Marks Journal (Australian)	W
Truth	W
*United Empire	M
*University Correspondent	F
*Vegetarian Messenger	M
*Vulcan	M
*Weekly Dispatch	W
*West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser	W
Western Daily Mercury (*e*)	D
Western Daily Press (Bristol)	D
Western Evening Herald (*e*)	D
*Western Guardian	W
Western Independent (*e*)	W
Western Morning News (*e*)	D
*Western Times	D
Western Weekly Mercury (*e*)	W
Westminster Gazette	D and W
Westminster Review	M
*Weston-super-Mare Gazette	W
Wide World Magazine	M
Windsor Magazine (*e*)	M
Woman at Home (*e*)	M
Woman's Life	W
Women's Industrial News	M
*Worcester Herald	W
Work (*e*)	W
*Workmen's Messenger	M
World	W
World's Work	M
Young England	M

Railway and other Official Time Tables.

English Railways.

Great Central.
Great Eastern—Harwich Route.
Great Northern.
Lancashire and Yorkshire.
London and Great Western.
London and North Western.
London and South Western.
London, Brighton and South Coast.
Midland.
North Eastern.
South Eastern.
South Eastern Continental Time Table.

Irish Railways.

Belfast and Northern Counties.
Midland and Great Western.

Scotch Railways.

Caledonian.
Glasgow and South Western.
Great North of Scotland
Highland.
North British.

General Time Tables.

Bradshaw.
British India Steam Navigation Co.
Clyde Shipping Co.
Cook's Excursionist.
Union Castle Co.

Local Time Tables.

Brendon's Plymouth and Western Counties Railway Guide.
Great Western Railway Local Time Tables.
Lynton and Barnstaple Railway Guide.
South Western Railway Local Time Tables.

Directories, London and Local, with all other works of Reference, will be found in the Reference Library.

PRINCIPAL ADDITIONS to the LIBRARY.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Herculaneum : Past, Present and Future, C. Waldstein and L. Shoobridge.
Arms and Armour. C. H. Ashdown.
Guide to Heraldry. C. Fox-Davies
Trees and their Life Histories. P. Groom.
Imitation of Christ. Thomas á Kempis.
Sir Benjamin Stone's Pictures, 2 vols.
Chambers's Encyclopædia, 10 vols.
Early London. Sir Walter Besant.
Northumberland Manuscripts. F. J. Burgoyne.
Golden Legend (Kelmscott Press).
Visitation of Buckingham (Harleian Society, Vol. 58).
Chats on English Earthenware. A Hayden.
Grasses of Great Britain. J. E. Sowerby.
Despatches from Paris 1784-90 (Camden Series).
Beautiful Wales. R. Fowler and E. Thomas.
Florence. R. C. and C. Goff.
Etymological Dictionary of the German Language.
The Microscope. W. B. Carpenter.
Miniature Painters, 2 vols. J. J. Foster.
Registers of St. Bene't and St. Peter (Harleian Society, Vol. 38).
Proceedings of the Royal Colonial Institute, Vol. 40.
Transactions of the Royal Historical Society, 3rd Series, Vol. 3.
American Anthropologist, New Series, Vols. 1 to 10 (1899-1908).
Chats on Old Silver. C. L. Lowes.
Morocco. A. S. Forrest and S. L. Bensusan.
Catalogue Raisonne of Works of Dutch, Flemish, and French Painters, 8 vols
Roodscreens and Roodlofts, 2 vols. F. B. Bond and Rev. Dom B. Camm.
Electress Sophia and the Hanoverian Succession. A. W. Ward.
Henry VIII. A. F. Pollard.
Queen Anne. Herbert Paul.
Calendar of Letter Books of the City of London (1400-1422).
Visitation of Cheshire (Harleian Society, Vol. 59).
History of London, Vol. 1 (Victoria History of the Counties of England).
Vision of Hell (Dante Alighieri), Illust. Gustave Dore.
Vision of Purgatory and Paradise Do.
Paradise Lost (John Milton), Illust. Gustave Dore.
National Antarctic Expedition—Magnetic Observations.
The Rhine, its Valley and History, H. J. Mackinder.
Algeria and Tunis. F. E. Nesbitt.
Palæontographical Society Report, Vol. LXIII.
Handsworth : Old and New. F. W. Hackwood.
Bardon Papers (Camden Society, 3rd Series. Vol. XIII.).
Minutes of Proceedings of the Institution of Civil Engineers, 28 Volumes.
An English Garner :—
    Critical Essays and Literary Fragments. J. C. Collins.
    Elizabethan Sonnets, 2 vols. S. Lee.

An English Garner :—
Fifteenth Century Prose and Verse. A. W. Pollard.
Later Stuart Tracts. G. A. Aitken.
Shorter Elizabethan Poems. A. H. Bullen.
Social England Illustrated. A. Lang.
Some Longer Elizabethan Poems. A. H. Bullen.
Stuart Tracts (1603-1693). C. H. Firth.
Tudor Tracts (1532-1588). A. F. Pollard.
Voyages and Travels, 2 vols. C. R. Beazley.
British Museum Publications :—
African Blood-sucking Flies. E. E. Austen.
Catalogue of Fossil Bryozoa.
Catalogue of the Fresh Water Fishes of Africa, Vol. 1.
Catalogue of the Lepidotera Phalænæ, Vol. VIII.
Guide to the Egyptian Collections.
Guide to the Egyptian Galleries (Sculpture).
Guide to the Exhibition illustrating Greek and Roman Life.
Guide to the Specimens illustrating the Races of Mankind
Guide to the Whales, Porpoises, and Dolphins.
Hand List of Birds, Vol. 5. R. Sharpe.
Introduction to the Study of Meteorites.
Introduction to the Study of Rocks.
Historical Manuscripts Commission :—
Report on American Manuscripts, Vol. IV.
Report on the MSS. of the Earl of Egmont, Vol. II.
Report on the MSS. of Mrs. Stopford-Sackville, Vol. II.
Report on MSS. in Various Collections, Vol. VI.
Naval Record Society Publications :—
Vol. 5, Life of Captain Stephen Martin (1666-1740).
Vol. 17, First Dutch War, Vol. II.
Vol. 20, Naval Miscellany, Vol. I.
Vols. 22 and 23, Naval Tracts of Sir William Monson, 2 vols.
Vol. 24, Letters of Sir Thomas Byam Martin.
Vol. 32, Letters of Charles, Lord Barham (1758-1813).
Vol. 33, Naval Songs and Ballads.

Also the following Annuals:—

Annual Register.
Civil Service Manual.
Crockford's Clerical Directory.
County Councils', Municipal Corporations' Companion.
English Catalogue of Books.
English Woman's Year Book.
Hazell's Annual.
Literary Year Book.
Naval Annual.
Royal Academy Pictures.
Stateman's Year Book.
Stock Exchange Year Book.
Whitaker's Almanack.
Who's Who.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

Guide to Dartmoor. William Crossing.
Life of Sir Redvers Buller. Lewis Butler.
Life Story of an Otter. J. C. Tregarthen.
Devon Church Antiquities. John Stabb.

Letters of Frederic, Lord Blachford. *Ed. by* G. E. Marindin.
Cornwall Parish Registers (Marriages), Vols. XV. and XVI. *Ed. by* W. P. Phillimor and T. Taylor.
Flora of Cornwall. F. Hamilton Davey.
Norman Architecture in Cornwall. E. H. Sedding.
North Devon Churches. Allen T. Hussell.
Transactions of the Devonshire Association, Vol. 41, 1909.
Dartmoor : a Descriptive Poem. N. T. Carrington.
Register of Edmund Lacy, Bishop of Exeter (A.D. 1420-1455). Rev. F. C. Hingeston Randolph.
Plympton St. Mary. Rev. J. Mercer Cox, M.A.
Family Names and their Story. Rev. S. Baring-Gould.
Memorials of the Family of Shelly of Great Yarmouth. John Shelly.
Some Account of the Family of Smiths anciently of Shute in Devonshire. *Ed. by* W. P. W. Phillimore.
Devonshire (Cambridge County Geographies). F. A. Knight and Louie M. Dutton.
Motor Tours in the West Country. Mrs. Rodolph Stawell.

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1910-11.

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Attendant, Salisbury Road Branch : THOMAS POTTER.

Attendant, Hyde Park Road Branch : JOHN MADDOCK.

LIBRARY CHRONOLOGY.

1871 Library Acts Adopted.
1876 Librarian appointed (March).
Library formally opened (August).
1879 Opening of Reference Library (August).
1884 Re-opening of Library after extension of the building (November).
1885 Annual Meeting of the Library Association at Plymouth (September).
1886 Death of Mr. R. C. Serpell, founder of the Library (October 25th).
1888 Establishment of School Libraries.
1892 Opening of Cattedown Road Branch (February). (Closed August, 1901.)
1893 Opening of Union Street Branch (October). (Transferred fo Oxford Street, 1897.) (Closed 1901).
1894 Death of Mr. William Henry Luke, Honorary Treasurer and Deputy Chairman (February 27th).
1896 Re-opening of Library after extensive alterations (January).
1897 Opening of Laira Branch (March).
Opening of Compton Branch (April). Closed May, 1899).
Visit of American Librarians to Plymouth (July).
1898 Opening of Mount Street Branch (February). (Closed May, 1899).
1899 Death of Mr. George R. Barrett, Honorary Treasurer and Deputy-Chairman (August 24th).
1900 Re-opening Mount Street Branch (October). (Closed 1901).
1901 Annual Meeting of the Library Association at Plymouth (August).
1904 Opening of Salisbury Road Branch (March 11th).
Opening of Hyde Park Road Branch (October 7th).
1905 Death of Councillor John Taylor (September).
Resignation of Alderman John Shelly (November).
1906 Mr. Andrew Carnegie's offer accepted (August).
1907 Laying of Foundation Stone, New Library (October).
1910 Official Opening of New Library (October).

Population of Plymouth, 1876	about 70,020
,, ,, 1910	127,310
Area of the Borough	acres 2,533
Rateable value of Plymouth, 1871	£166,332
,, ,, 1910	£579,144
Number of Volumes in Library, 1910	63,687
Number of Volumes issued during the Municipal year 1910-11. ...	355,31[illegible]
Number of Volumes issued in all departments since the opening of Library to the end of March, 1910	9,539,52[illegible]
Number of Borrowers' Tickets issued 1909-10	3,44[illegible]
Number of Borrowers enrolled since the opening of the Library ...	93,37[illegible]
Number of Students' Tickets issued 1909-10	20[illegible]

Report of the Deputy Chairman.

In the Borough Librarian's report will be found a full account of the new building, whose opening we are now able to record as an accomplished fact.

That the general amenity of Plymouth as a place of abode has been enhanced by its acquisition of a new Library, Museum and Art Gallery is apparent to all who know the town.

In this connection, reference to the shifting of the books and furniture from Whimple Street to Tavistock Road may seem an anti-climax. But it is no more than their due to mention that this prosaic operation entailed a great deal of trouble and hard work upon Mr. Wright and his staff, and was, nevertheless, carried out by them with the least possible inconvenience to the public.

For this, and for their continued zeal and good service in the general work of the Library, I beg to express the sincere thanks of the Committee.

W. L. MUNDAY,
Deputy-Chairman.

3rd July, 1911.

Librarian's Report.

1910-1911.

To the Right Worshipful the Mayor (the Chairman), the Deputy-Chairman, and the Members of the Free Library Committee of the Borough of Plymouth.

Gentlemen,

It is my pleasant duty to present my thirty-fourth consecutive Report of the work of the Library in all its departments.

The period covered by this report is perhaps the most eventful and important in the history of the institution, because it has witnessed the opening of the new Library (the generous gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie) and the realization of the dreams and hopes of many years.

Thirty-five years ago the Plymouth Free Library was formally installed in its temporary home in rooms in the Old Guildhall, Whimple Street ; but there for all those years our work was carried on under considerable difficulties and somewhat straitened circumstances.

Efforts which were made from time to time to bring about a new order of things, or to provide better accommodation for our rapidly growing library were only partially successful ; involving, as they did, a considerable expenditure of money in order to adapt the old building to the growing requirements of our large population and the rapid increase in the work of the institution.

Mr. Carnegie was first approached in the year 1903, during the Mayoralty of Councillor Henry Hurrell, but after considerable correspondence had taken place, the matter was dropped, to be revived three years later, in the year 1906. Alderman John Yeo, the then Mayor, entered heartily into the scheme and advocated it in and out of the Council, with the result that Mr. Carnegie offered the town £15,000 for a new Library under the usual conditions.

Alderman Yeo was privileged to see the completion of the work during his second term of office, and (in the unaboidable absence of Mr. Carnegie) to declare the building open on the 25th of October last.

On the evening of that day the Mayor held a Reception, the whole suite of rooms, combining Library, Art Gallery, and Museum being used for the purpose.

A brief description of the new building, together with sketch plans and illustrations of the exterior and interior of the building appeared in the *Librarian* for January, 1911, which I herewith append, as a necessary supplement to the particulars given in previous Reports.

"PLYMOUTH.

"The new Library building recently opened at Plymouth, and erected through the munificence of Mr. Andrew Carnegie, is a handsome and imposing structure, and well worthy the historical associations of this ancient borough.

"Mr. Carnegie's gift was £15,000; to this has been added about £12,000 more from local sources, a fine Art Gallery and Museum attached to the Library being the result.

"The building, as will be seen from the front view appended, is a long comparatively low structure, but occupying a frontage of over 400 feet. Two blocks of business premises above and below, the new building being of five stories in height, tend to dwarf the Library and Museum. Bearing this in mind, it will be realized that the architects (Messrs. Thornely, Rooke and Barron) have designed a finely extended imposing range of buildings, harmonious as a whole and gracefully relieved by rows of columns and richly decorative entrances. In the masonic construction local limestone has been largely used in conjunction with a base of Dartmoor granite and Portland stone for the large columns and other dressings. The style is a simple treatment of English Renaissance.

"Inside the main Library a short staircase of terrazzo work leads into a spacious entrance hall, floored in mosaic and pannelled in oak. The town arms are elaborately treated in the floor of the entrance hall.

"A wide and ample stairway welds into a single approach to overhead galleries, and the whole setting of this part of the building, with finely carved balustrades, segmental-headed and moulded oak doors, and a sweeping oak dado, panelled and corniced, is very artistic and pleasing.

"To come to more utilitarian details, easy access is provided to the borrowers' counter, which is upwards of 65 feet in length and provided

with indicator screen, and counter in elaborately carved oak. On the right, entering the main entrance hall, is the general reading and newspaper room, 57 feet by 42 feet, possessing not only cross ventilators from Tavistock Road and Tavistock Place, but also a certain amount of top light. The room is also in direct communication with the Lending Library. On the left side of the hall is a lecture-room, 41 feet by 30 feet, and capable of seating 250 people. This faces Tavistock Road, and has an emergency exit direct to the street, the exit being also in touch with a lecturer's retiring room and other apartments. There is also a Magazine Room 39 feet square, amply lighted from Tavistock Place as well as top lighted. Tables and newspaper stands are placed in this room for ladies.

"The Lending Library provides accommodation for 26,900 volumes, and has a separate staff entrance, conveniently approached from Tavistock Place. A wide and ample staircase leads to the first floor, where will be found the local collection room and Reference Library, the sizes being respectively 41 ft. by 30 ft., and 55 ft. by 43 ft. One attendant can completely supervise both these rooms from a central counter. They are effectively lighted from the roof, and segmental plaster ceilings form a most pleasing feature. On this floor also is situated the Librarian's room, a handsome apartment with strong room and other accommodation attached. It will be possible for the Librarian to supervise a large amount of the Lending Library and borrowers' counter on the ground floor by means of windows overlooking the central well, which also gives excellent lighting to the borrowers' lobby. The Librarian has, too, direct access from his room, not only to the Reference Library, but also to the stock room, where the main bulk of the books for the Reference Library are stored, as well as to the working portion of the Library. This stock room gives accommodation for 26,000 volumes, and in close connection with it are the catalogue, book-binding, and staff rooms, the whole being connected with the ground floor by means of a special staff staircase. The basement, where are book stores, general stores, unpacking room, and heating cellar, is connected with the rest of the building by a staff staircase and book lift. A separate entrance is also provided for large packages of goods, etc. The heating and lighting are on the most approved modern methods, electric fans governing the temperature, and all the fittings are up to date.

"Mr. Carnegie's offer to contribute £15,000 was made in June, 1906, the foundation stone was laid in October, 1907, and the completed building was opened in October, 1910. The contractors were Messrs. Pethick Brothers, Ltd., Plymouth, the architects being also a local firm. The assessor on the plans was Mr. Henry T. Hare, well known as a library architect.

"The Plymouth Free Public Library was established in 1876, the Acts having been adopted some years earlier. Its first and only librarian was Mr. W. H. K. Wright, an original member and original Fellow of the Library Association, who can boast that he has attended every

annual meeting of the Library Association since its inception. He has also entertained its members twice in his native town, and opened the doors of hospitality to bodies of American and other librarians on other occasions. The Library contains approximately 65,000 vols., viz., 40,000 in the lending department, and 25,000 in the reference library and local department. The issues in all departments in the last year recorded amounted to 428,041 volumes; the total issues since the opening of the library being over nine millions.

"In addition to the central, there are three branch reading rooms in outlying districts of the town, and books are supplied from the Central to about forty school libraries.

"The income derivable from the penny rate will be, in the coming financial year, £2,300. The staff consists, in addition to the chief librarian, of a sub-librarian, four senior assistants, three junior assistants, four attendants and cleaners, one stoker and three branch attendants.

"A modified form of Indicator adapted by the librarian is in use, the titles as well as the numbers being shown.

"Class catalogues are issued from time to time at a small charge, and the librarian has now in preparation a complete catalogue of the whole library. There is also a card catalogue of the reference and local collections, and a similar catalogue of the lending library is nearly complete. The only special collection is that called the Devon and Cornwall collection, which numbers 11,000 items and includes books, pamphlets, portraits, and topographical views of the district covered.

"The Library is managed by a committee of 13 members appointed by the Council, seven of the members (including the Mayor) being members of that body."

Turning now to the usual routine business treated of in these yearly Reports, it is a matter of considerable satisfaction to know that in spite of the interference with our work consequent upon the transfer of our books and furniture from the old to the new Library, and the total cessation of the issue of books during the months of August, September, and October, our returns show a marked upward tendency.

Taking the tables seriatim, it will be noticed in Table I., which records the additions made to the Library during the year, that the nett increase in all departments was 1347, this being considerably below the average of recent years. This is, of course, accounted for by the curtailment of the resources at the disposal of the Committee and the necessity to economise in this direction.

The Library now contains 63,687 volumes, as against 62,340 recorded in last year's Report. Of these 36,717 are placed in the Lending department (which includes the school libraries) and 26,970 in the Reference and Local departments.

The register of borrowers (Tables II., III., IV., V., VI.) shows that 3810 tickets were issued, an increase of more than 1100 over the previous year. A large proportion of these were issued between November, 1910, and March, 1911 ; all earlier tickets having been cancelled. 209 persons applied for students' tickets, and 156 borrowers were registered at the branches.

It will be noticed that a larger proportion than usual of our borrowers come from the outlying residential area, and personal observation reveals the fact that our Lending Library is increasingly used by all classes of the community, and that in every respect the removal of the Institution to a more central and public position has been abundantly justified.

Table VII. shows that, although the total issues were considerably less than in previous years (owing to the books being out of circulation for several months) the daily average was the largest yet recorded. The total issues in all departments were 291,230, with a daily average of 1317 ; and in the reference department during the same period 64,080, daily average 288 : in each case the largest on record. It should however, be pointed out that owing to Readers having the free run of the shelves in the Reference Library, it is impossible to give a complete record, many books in excess of the total above given being consulted.

Our Branch Evening Reading Rooms at Laira, Salisbury Road, and Hyde Park Road continue to meet the requirements of a section of the community resident in those localities ; and our books are supplied to about forty Schools within the borough under conditions recorded elsewhere.

According to your instructions, for some weeks the newspaper room at the old Library was kept open for the convenience of residents in that part of the town, but the attendance not being satisfactory, the building was closed at the end of the year, pending the decision of the Council as to its ultimate use.

I would again call your attention to the need for new catalogues, particularly of the Reference Library and Devon and Cornwall collection. The last issue was in 1892. The card catalogue in each case is revised to date, consequently the labour of preparation would not be great, and the need is increasingly felt.

With regard to the Lending Library, several of the Class Catalogues are out of print, and all classes require supplements.

The indicator extension for several of the classes crowded out from the existing indicator screen is now nearly ready for use, and will include 7500 titles with room for additions. The delay has been caused by the necessity of printing some thousands of titles, the old slips not fitting the new order of things.

Appended will be found a list of the lectures delivered on Saturday afternoons throughout the winter session. In all twenty-five lectures were delivered to large and appreciative audiences. In fact, these lectures have increased in popularity, and are now recognised as an important factor in the literary culture of the town. Since February, 1906, no less than 127 lectures have been given upon every conceivable literary topic. Your thanks are due and have been tendered to the various ladies and gentlemen who have given their services in this department. The only drawback to these lectures is the noise of the traffic in the road outside, which is frequently so great that the voice of the lecturer is almost inaudible. I hope it will be possible next season to make other arrangements to obviate this difficulty. On one occasion, when the Bishop of Truro lectured here, we transferred the readers from the Magazine Room to the Lecture Hall and held the lecture in the Magazine Room. A much larger number of people were thus accommodated, and the change was appreciated. This course might be adopted in future to great advantage.

The thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Library Association was held at Exeter in September last, when I was privileged to attend. A full report was printed in the Minutes of the Council for 1909-10 (minute numbered 3312), therefore I have not thought it necessary to incorporate it here.

About fifty librarians and others visited this Library at the conclusion of the Exeter meeting, and were very pleased with our building and the hospitality they received from the Mayor and the Library Committee.

Towards the end of March, 1911, I organised an exhibition of Bibles and Biblical literature, in connection with the Tercentenary of the 1611 translation of the Authorized Version of the Bible. A valuable and interesting collection was brought together, contributed to by about fifty exhibitors, and consisting of about 150 items. It was open one week, and during that time was visited by about 1500 persons. It has occurred to me that similar exhibitions of books, prints, bindings, etc., etc., might be arranged for during the summer months, thus tending materially to increase the popularity and usefulness of the institution.

Several additions have been made to the collection of Mayoral portraits in the Lecture Hall. These include the portrait of Mr. W. H. Hawker, Mayor 1825-6; and Mr. John Greenway, Mayor 1883-4. We are still wanting portraits of Mr. William Luscombe, Mayor 1869-70; Mr. John Kelly, Mayor 1872-3; Mr. William Law, Mayor 1892—1895; the latter has been promised. The portrait of the present Mayor (Alderman T. G. Greek Wills, J.P.) will shortly be added.

Another interesting presentation made during the past year was a series of seven Raphael Cartoons, which, appropriately framed, were the gift of Mr. C. R. S. Philp, a former member of the library staff, and now Librarian of the Livesey Library, Camberwell. Mr. Philp was thus pleased to record his connection with the Plymouth Library in which he had obtained his early training. These fine engravings have been placed in the Magazine Room, and make an interesting addition to the decorations of that room.

Other presentation pictures adorn the Reference Library, and many portraits of local worthies embellish the walls of the Devon and Cornwall Room and other rooms.

In thanking you for your forbearance and support during the somewhat difficult period through which we have lately passed, I wish to add a few words of appreciation of the services of the staff, who have loyally supported me in carrying out the somewhat arduous and trying duties which have devolved upon them. From the Sub-Librarian down to the youngest boy upon the staff, all have done their best to carry out my instructions and to bring about a reasonable state of efficiency in all departments of the Institution.

W. H. K. WRIGHT,

Borough Librarian.

June, 1911.

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THE CORNWALL ROOM

LECTURES

During Session 1910-1911.

The following Lectures were delivered on Saturday afternoons from November 12th, 1910 to April 29th, 1911, in continuation of the List given in previous Reports.

103. November 12th, 1910—Councillor W. L. Munday (Deputy-Chairman of the Library Committee); subject, "Some French Novels." Chairman, The Mayor (Alderman T. G. Greek Wills).

104. November 19th, 1910—Rev. Alfred Brice; subject, "Poets and Poetry: an appreciation." Chairman, Councillor W. L. Munday.

105. November 26th, 1910—Mr. J. Roy Campbell; subject, "Some English Essayists." Chairman, Dr. T. G. Vawdrey.

106. December 3rd, 1910—Rev. W. T. Adey; subject "Peter Pindar" (Dr. John Wolcot). Chairman, Mr. George H. Lang.

107. December 10th, 1910—Rev. Lewis H. Court; subject, "The Poetry of of James Russell Lowell. Chairman, Rev. Alfred Brice.

108. December 17th, 1910—Rev. Michael J. Burns, D.D.; subject, "The Alexandrine Library." Chairman, Mr. W. Cecil Wade.

109. December 24th, 1910—The Borough Librarian; subject, "Christmas with Charles Dickens." Chairman, Mr. John Hitchings.

110. December 31st, 1910—Mr. G. J. Michell; subject, "Daniel De Foe." Chairman, Mr. Waldorf Astor, M.P.

111. January 7th, 1911—Rev. Thomas Flavell; subject, "Japan and the Japanese." Chairman, Major James Rendle, V.D.

112. January 14th, 1911—Dr. Clement Gatley; subject, "Lord Byron." Chairman, Alderman J. F. Winnicott.

113. January 21st, 1911—Miss Helen Brinckman; subject, "Mary, Queen of Scots." President, The Mayoress (Mrs. H. Cecil Wills).

114. January 28th, 1911—Mr. W. Cecil Wade; subject, "The Pleasures of Reading." Chairman, Councillor Isaac Foot.

115. February 4th, 1911—Dr. George Wilson; subject, "Thomas De Quincey." Chairman, Mr. J. Roy Campbell.

116. February 11th, 1911—Rev. H. Rawlings; subject, "Oliver Wendell Holmes." Chairman, Dr. T. G. Vawdrey.

117. February 18th, 1911—Lord Bishop of Truro; subject, "Shakespere: Poet and Prophet. Chairman, The Mayor (Alderman T. G. Greek Wills).

118. February 25th, 1911—The Borough Librarian; subject, "Eden Phillpotts: Poet and Novelist." Chairman, Mr. R. A. J. Walling.

119. March 4th, 1911—The Borough Librarian; subject, "Rev. Sabine Baring-Gould." Chairman, Mr. T. Canning Baily.

120. March 11th, 1911—Rev. W. K. Burford; subject, "The Poetry of Rudyard Kipling and William Watson." Chairman, Councillor H. Scott Tucker.

121. March 18th, 1911—Rev. Thomas Flavell; subject, "An Hour with Tennyson." Chairman, Alderman W. J. Waycott.

122. March 25th, 1911—Mr. John Shelly; subject, "Literary History of the English Bible of 1611." Chairman, The Rev. J. T. Trelawny-Ross, D.D.

123. April 1st, 1911—Mr. John Hitchings; subject, "Browning's Sordello." Chairman, Rev. H. J. Chaytor, M.A.

124. April 8th, 1911—Rev. Charles Joseph; subject, "Child Characters from Shakespere." Chairman, Alderman J. Y. Woollcombe.

125. April 15th, 1911—Mr. F. E. Sach; subject, "Devonshire Man of Action--General Monk." Chairman, Captain G. H. Inskip, R.N., J.P.

126. April 22nd, 1911—Mr. J. Newton Hearn; subject, "Early Masterpieces of John Milton." Chairman, Mr. G. P. Dymond, M.A.

127. April 29th, 1911—Mr. Reginald Waddy, F.R.C.O.; subject, "Songs and Ballads of the Tudor and Stuart Periods," with vocal illustrations. Chairman, Councillor W. L. Munday.

TABLE I.

Additions made to the Library.

Class Letter.	Works as Classified.	No of Volumes.		
		1910.	1911.	Increase 1911.
A	Theology, Religion, and Philosophy ...	1476	1495	19
B	Biography and Correspondence	3202	3228	26
C	History, Voyages, and Travels	4491	4543	52
D	Education, Political Economy, &c. ...	1028	1051	23
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History ...	2020	2063	43
F	Poetry, Classics, and the Drama ...	2004	2039	35
G	Prose Fiction	9389	9451	62
H	Miscellaneous Works	250	250	...
I	Magazines and Reviews	3600	3636	36
M	Music	336	343	7
R	Books for the Blind	153	153	..
J, S	Juvenile Books, including School Libraries	8308	8465	157
K	Reference Works (Reference Library) ...	15231	15535	304
L	Devon and Cornwall Library	10852	11435	583
	TOTALS ...	62340	63687	1347

TABLE II.

Register of Borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets issued previously, as per Thirty-three published Reports ...	89,565
Borrowers' Tickets issued since the publication of the last Report	3,445
Students' Tickets	209
Laira Branch	57
Salisbury Road Branch	57
Hyde Park Road Branch	42
	93,375

TABLE III.

Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year, with reasons assigned.

Borrowers left the town	18
,, deceased	4
,, withdrawn	12
Guarantor withdrawn	3
Cancelled (unclaimed)	29
	66

TABLE IV.

Ages of Borrowers enrolled during the twelve months ending March 31st, 1911.

Under 15 years			561
From 15 to 20 years			624
,, 20 to 25 ,,			482
,, 25 to 30 ,,			428
,, 30 to 40 ,,			419
,, 40 to 50 ,,			220
,, 50 to 60 ,,			120
,, 60 upwards			73
Ages not recorded:	Burgesses	542	
,,	Non-Burgesses	341	883
			3810

TABLE V.

Residential Distribution of Borrowers.

	Burgess.	Non-Burgess.	Total.
Vintry Ward	36	52	88
St. Andrew's Ward	71	183	254
Hoe Ward	64	196	260
Millbay Ward	48	141	189
St. Peter's Ward	51	132	183
Frankfort Ward	64	190	254
Drake's Ward	76	251	327
Charles' Ward	89	211	300
Greenbank Ward	94	196	290
Mutley Ward	120	215	335
Compton Ward	85	175	260
Laira Ward	98	281	379
Friary Ward	61	192	253
Sutton Ward	52	188	240
Non-Residents	—	42	42
Borrowers at Laira Branch	22	35	57
,, Salisbury Road Branch	18	39	57
,, Hyde Park Road Branch	12	30	42
	1061	2749	3810

TABLE VI.

Occupation of Borrowers, 1910-11.

Classification.	*No.*
Accountants, Clerks, &c.	345
Agents and Managers	62
Apprentices	90
Architects	12
Artists	4
Assistants, Shop	251
Bakers and Confectioners	42
Boot and Shoe Makers	29
Builders and Contractors	16
Butchers, &c.	27
Cabinet Makers, Carpenters, and Joiners	54
Chemists, Druggists, &c.	29
Civil Service Officials	36
Clergy and Ministers	32
Commercial Travellers	51
Customs and Board of Trade Officials	22
Dairymen, Gardeners, &c.	41
Dentists	12
Domestic Servants	64
Drapers	41
Draughtsmen	10
Electricians	36
Engineers and Engine Fitters	61
Engravers and Lithographers	12
Errand Boys, Office Boys, and Messengers	56
Foremen	14
Grocers and Tea Dealers	28
Hair Dressers	16
Inspectors	29
Ironmongers	8
Journalists, Reporters, &c.	16
Labourers and Porters	21
Mariners	18
Married Women (so specified)	141
Masons and Plasterers	26
Medical Men	5
Merchants and Manufacturers	16
Milliners and Dressmakers	52
Musicians, Tuners, &c.	12
Nurses	18
Officers, Army and Navy	41
Painters and Decorators	38
Pawnbrokers	7
Pensioners	69
Photographers	10
Plumbers and Gasfitters	28
Printers and Compositors	36
Railway Officials	34
Sailmakers	4
School Children and Students	651
School Masters, Mistresses, and Teachers	149
Shipwrights	35
Shopkeepers	48
Smiths, Stokers, &c.	14
Solicitors	5
Spinsters (so specified)	48
Surveyors	12
Tailors and Outfitters, &c.	36
Tobacconists	11
Typists	18
Upholsterers	14
Waiters	8
Warehousemen	22
Watchmakers, Jewellers, &c.	14
Widows (so specified)	31
Occupations not recorded, or persons having no settled occupation	572
Total	3810

TABLE VII.

Return of Issues in the Central and Branch Lending Departments, from April 1st, 1910, to March 31st, 1911, with Monthly Totals and Averages.

MONTH.	Days open.	A—Theology and Philosophy.	B—Biography and Correspondence.	C—History, Voyages and Travels.	D—Political Econ. and Education.	E—Art, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Classics, and Drama.	G—Prose Fiction	I—Magazines and Reviews.	J—Juvenile Works.	L—Local Works.	M—Musical Works.	R—Books for Blind.	S & T—Schools and Evening Branches.	TOTALS.	Daily Average.
1910.															*153	
April ..	26	289	490	561	242	668	641	9,371	846	1,611	802	200	*153 Volumes on loan at the Blind Institution	15,722	31,443	1,209
May ..	24	251	476	771	188	549	741	9,299	714	1,584	704	153		15,401	30,831	1,284
June ..	26	307	533	621	259	710	752	9,406	900	1,672	795	197		15,984	32,136	1,236
July ..	25	252	461	580	181	670	595	9,317	812	1,575	608	169		15,384	30,694	1,227
August ..	*															
September	*															
October ..	*															
November	24	612	814	921	302	701	916	9,872	981	1,820	984	281		15,912	34,122	1,421
December	25	641	726	817	281	679	842	9,791	888	1,704	912	219		15,548	33,138	1,325
1911.																
January ..	20	310	418	594	176	341	419	88,15	692	1,322	709	110		14,811	28,717	1,435
February ..	24	598	763	958	281	694	588	9,681	899	1,762	882	217		15,003	33,226	1,384
March ..	27	694	905	996	417	698	994	9,984	949	1,952	942	258		17,981	36,770	1,361
Totals ..	221	3,954	5,586	6,819	2,327	5,710	6,488	85,536	7,681	15,008	7,428	1,804	153	142,646	291,230	1,317

* Closed for the Transfer of Books to the New Library.

TABLE VIII.

Works consulted in the Reference Department (including Devon and Cornwall Books), from April 1st, 1910, to March 31st, 1911, inclusive.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Biblical and Religious Works.	B—Biographical Works.	C—General History, Travels, &c.	D—Dictionaries, Encyclopædias, and other comprehensive Works.	E—Arts, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Drama, and the Classics.	G—Fiction and General Literature.	H—Heraldic and Genealogical Works.	I—Magazines, Reviews, and Newspapers.	J—General Topographical Works.	L—Works relating to Devon and Cornwall.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1910.														
April ..	26	271	390	411	1,143	426	611	75	601	2,091	462	681	7,162	275
May ..	24	294	306	375	1,151	394	496	84	411	2,145	397	532	6,585	274
June ..	26	298	406	441	1,100	409	584	91	497	2,115	510	632	7,083	272
July ..	26	310	372	529	1,150	396	591	86	571	2,289	473	594	7,361	283
August ..	*													
September	*													
October ..	*													
November	24	284	299	564	1,248	481	602	29	541	2,078	418	712	7,256	302
December	25	301	288	581	1,199	501	712	31	523	2,110	397	681	7,324	292
1911.														
January ..	20	251	246	419	972	381	491	18	397	1,910	298	446	5,829	291
February	24	315	412	582	1,201	396	542	36	415	2,182	312	653	7,046	293
March ..	27	510	498	612	1,406	452	643	94	814	2,189	512	704	8,434	312
Totals—	222	3834	3217	4514	10,570	3,836	5,272	544	4,770	19,109	3,779	5,635	64,080	288

* Closed for the Transfer of Books to the New Library.

TABLE IX.

Statement of the work of the Library in all Departments comprised in the thirty-four published Reports.

Year.	Days Open.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	R	S & T	TOTALS	Daily Average.
1876-85	2566	12,494	38,424	91,202	6,559	34,936	23,347	664,765	22,762	107,727	175,768	173,972	34,302	..	..	..	1,386,258	540
1886..	285	1,113	2,354	6,184	540	3,384	1,989	69,000	1,534	10,452	19,859	40,806	3,958	..	..	..	160,823	564
1887..	287	1,278	2,280	5,875	644	2,960	1,642	66,665	1,465	11,019	21,702	28,979	3,392	..	..	..	147,901	515
1888-89	351	1,343	3,390	9,515	709	3,386	1,990	86,547	2,918	12,509	84,113	37,857	7,464	..	..	..	251,739	710
1889-90	156 289	404	1,418	3,794	236	1,508	716	35,701	1,224	5,016	51,360	33,553	3,247	..	..	..	138,177	670 L.D. 116 R.D.
1890-91	286	777	2,474	6,974	358	2,207	1,095	64,813	2,038	9,362	104,404	32,133	5,217	..	..	..	231,852	810
1891-92	290	815	2,489	6,579	482	2,339	1,352	59,889	1,204	8,783	88,819	43,252	3,835	..	..	11,350	231,188	797
1892-93	285	711	2,010	4,615	590	2,275	1,032	56,457	859	8,909	12,977	49,151	393	..	..	112,305	252,344	885
1893-94	288	963	1,818	4,920	798	2,384	1,013	57,629	1,071	7,997	15,065	52,414	847	..	..	154,500	301,419	1,046
1894-95	285	1,073	2,022	4,381	819	2,138	758	54,932	987	6,081	14,564	58,366	1,811	..	..	144,667	292,599	1,026
1895-96	112	467	958	2,340	189	1,175	478	25,545	434	2,957	7,224	21,224	1,235	..	..	128,705	192,931	1,722
1896-97	284 302	990	3,279	7,527	541	4,022	1,665	76,032	1,090	7,562	17,145	65,304	4,466	..	302	135,436	325,361	915 L.D. 216 R.D.
1897-98	299 300	1,437	5,009	7,600	618	4,814	1,303	81,401	955	6,904	11,990	66,306	4,437	..	459	184,319	377,552	1040 L.D. 221 R.D.
1898-99	294 300	1,084	4,005	6,707	649	4,707	2,193	66,394	499	5,550	7,977	62,901	4,982	561	256	210,346	378,811	1074 L.D. 209 R.D.
1899-00	292	926	3,276	6,082	522	3,270	1,229	56,686	203	5,987	8,541	55,936	3,347	674	226	199,366	346,271	994 L.D. 101 R.D.
1900-01	297	1,006	2,939	6,066	583	3,125	1,265	62,228	134	6,607	8,920	62,128	4,126	1,025	135	219,553	379,840	1069 L.D. 209 R.D.
1901-02	293	1,191	3,418	5,287	769	4,597	1,367	63,493	14	6,925	6,743	65,121	4,217	1,182	72	200,488	364,884	1023 L.D. 222 R.D.
1902-03	295 297	2,033	5,346	7,489	1,766	6,935	3,180	72,016	..	8,079	7,474	70,609	5,732	1,614	153	195,658	388,084	1076 L.D. 237 R.D.
1903-04	294 296	2,259	5,251	7,358	1,580	7,110	3,660	86,148	..	9,025	11,485	70,864	6,954	2,087	153	180,380	400,314	1120 L.D. 239 R.D.
1904-05	295 301	2,583	5,922	8,256	2,800	8,160	4,453	100,821	..	10,352	19,420	72,281	9,319	2,371	153	169,755	416,646	1107 L.D. 240 R.D.
1905-06	298 303	3,098	5,942	8,183	3,372	8,420	4,697	100,501	..	10,221	19,961	73,087	9,170	2,197	153	198,546	447,548	1256 L.D. 241 R.D.
1906-07	294 301	2,797	5,086	7,017	2,845	7,395	3,938	96,930	..	9,839	20,392	74,347	8,129	1,873	153	200,285	441,026	1247 L.D. 247 R.D.
1907-08	299 309	3,426	5,804	7,381	3,195	7,716	4,738	102,543	..	9,778	22,246	76,770	8,801	2,507	153	199,492	454,550	1263 L.D. 248 R.D.
1908-09	293 307	3,181	5,809	7,065	2,966	7,200	4,803	105,306	..	10,012	21,560	76,357	9,056	2,147	153	192,445	448,060	1268 L.D. 248 R.D.
1909-10	294 300	2,888	5,213	6,078	2,718	6,058	4,424	107,443	..	8,112	18,097	74,121	8,065	1,077	153	182,094	428,041	1203 L.D. 247 R.D.
1910-11	221 222	3,954	5,586	6,819	2,327	5,710	6,488	85,536	..	76,81	15,098	64,080	7,428	1,804	153	142,646	355,310	1317 L.D. 288 R.D.

TABLE X.*

Showing the Accessions in all Departments of the Library from year to year since the opening in August, 1876, and the present state of the Library Stock.

Year.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	R	S	Totals.	Yearly Increase.
1876-77	326	744	1,637	145	487	469	1,373	431	759	473	666	368	..	..	..	7,908	..
1878..	404	863	1,854	205	595	513	1,686	597	1,116	513	975	583	..	..	..	9,906	1,998
1879..	451	917	1,920	229	661	608	1,795	613	1.227	668	1,426	746	..	..	..	11,261	1,355
1880..	478	967	1.944	256	698	628	2,031	619	1,270	769	1,970	1,091	..	..	..	12,721	1,460
1881..	509	1,024	2,061	289	730	690	2,265	633	1,380	876	2,155	1,397	..	..	..	14,009	1,288
1882..	580	1,086	2,147	311	825	720	2,375	639	1,557	984	2,629	1,666	..	..	..	15,519	1,510
1883..	625	1,109	2,163	324	849	754	2.457	645	1,614	1,047	3.345	2,110	..	..	..	17,042	1,523
1884..	629	1.129	2,220	353	898	782	2,636	650	1.670	1,069	5,200	2.290	..	..	..	19,506	2,464
1885..	656	1,162	2,254	380	959	828	2,811	661	1,754	1,118	5.670	2,655	..	..	..	20,908	1,402
1886..	689	1,282	2,390	424	1,029	848	3,218	741	1,844	1,284	6,480	2,743	..	..	..	22,972	2,064
1887..	708	1,354	2,514	459	1,115	878	3.419	805	1.908	1,734	6,750	2,958	..	..	..	24,602	1,630
1888-89	751	1,433	2,624	479	1,182	912	3,649	892	2,116	2,480	7,045	3.275	..	..	..	26,833	2,231
1889-90	758	1,502	2,688	494	1,210	959	4,041	918	2,159	2,787	7,559	3.895	..	..	..	28.970	2,137
1890-91	794	1,561	2,820	523	1,256	990	4 304	957	2,232	2.934	8,040	4.320	..	..	..	30,731	1,761
1891-92	816	1,618	2,894	601	1,303	1,008	4,582	970	2,314	2.997	8.325	5.464	..	..	..	33.533	2,802
1892-93	867	1,678	2,955	625	1.354	1,075	4 749	981	2,442	3,892	8.630	6,003	..	..	110	35.361	1,828
1893-94	892	1,731	3,037	637	1,406	1,102	5,035	983	2.506	4.290	9,592	6,350	..	..	238	37,799	2,438
1894-95	935	1,777	3,076	657	1,443	1,118	5,203	989	2,588	936	10,063	6,897	..	..	3,074	38,960	1,161
1895-96	947	1,802	3,118	662	1,471	1,144	5,377	990	2,680	967	10,411	7,356	..	..	3.236	40,161	1,201
1896-97	959	1.945	3,205	670	1,567	1,226	5,671	992	2,737	980	10,701	7.789	..	138	3,496	42,076	1,915
1897-98	978	2,291	3,276	688	1,594	1,273	5,937	999	2,856	999	11,087	8.021	..	155	3,837	44,091	2,015
1898-99	985	2,361	3.336	745	1,624	1,316	6,110	699	2,970	1,034	11.461	8,282	81	170	4,004	45,278	1.187
1899-00	1.024	2,438	3,464	758	1.660	1,458	6,154	365	2,006	1,041	11,799	8.373	108	181	4,268	46,197	919
1900-01	1,051	2,513	3,677	773	1,686	1,533	6.323	250	3.088	1,042	12.296	8,709	119	190	4.222	47,572	1,375
1901-02	1,073	2,539	3.733	789	1,698	1,594	6,521	250	3,146	1,057	12,694	9,022	119	190	4,380	48,905	1,333
1902-03	1,286	2,615	3,841	814	1,736	1,688	6,796	250	3,184	1,070	13,023	92,15	187	153	4,676	50.534	1,629
1903-04	1,302	2.694	3,940	827	1.780	1,723	7,130	250	3,261	1,150	13,387	9,367	188	153	5,385	52,537	2,003
1904-05	1,325	2,764	4,038	877	1,812	1.768	7.525	250	3,319	1,183	13,757	9,526	278	153	5,701	54,276	1,739
1905-06	1,363	2,844	4,116	918	1.853	1.791	7,896	250	3.386	1,220	14,058	9.668	309	153	6,092	55.917	1,641
1906-07	1,378	2.937	4,249	941	1.907	1,835	8,375	250	3,398	1,282	14,328	10,297	309	153	6,439	58,078	1,161
1907-08	1,442	3,055	4,337	967	1,937	1,925	8,855	250	3.517	1,331	14,664	10,482	313	153	6,668	59,896	1,818
1908-09	1,463	3,165	4.424	1,003	1,994	1.967	9,246	250	3,529	1,373	14.986	10,687	320	153	6,885	61,445	1,549
1909-10	1,476	3,202	4,491	1,028	2,020	2,004	9.389	250	3,600	1,381	15,231	10,852	336	153	6,927	62,340	895
1910-11	1,495	3,228	4,543	1,051	2,063	2,039	9,451	250	3,636	1,410	15,535	11,435	343	153	7,055	63,687	1,347

*—For Key to Classification. see Tables VII. and VIII.

TABLE XI.

BRANCH EVENING READING ROOMS.

Return of Monthly Issues and Attendance.

Month.	Laira.		Salisbury Road		Hyde Park Rd.	
	Issues.	Attendance.	Issues.	Attendance.	Issues.	Attendance.
1910.						
April ..	297	767	289	1,221	437	1,341
May ..	322	831	246	918	311	1,021
June ..	288	811	234	1,013	293	950
July ..	298	1034	296	1,346	331	1,217
August ..	296	848	234	1,046	255	936
September	156	885	132	1,082	158	065
*October ..	..	1118	..	1,311	..	888
*November .	..	958	..	1,033	..	829
*December ..	..	1015	..	1,209	..	876
1911.						
*January ..	..	528	176	1,010	114	934
February .	154	674	205	1,023	244	1,059
March ..	250	881	218	1,043	221	1,018
Totals ..	2,061	10,350	2,030	13,255	2,364	12,034

Table showing Progress at Branch Evening Reading Rooms.

Branch.	1909-10.		1910-11.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Issues.	Attendance.	Issues.	Attendance.	Issu's	Attd.	Issu's	Attd.
Laira ..	4,581	9,872	2,061	10,350	..	478	2,520	..
Salisbury Road ..	3,097	12,741	2,030	13,255	..	514	1,067	..
Hyde Pk. Road ..	4,104	14,055	2,364	12,034	..	..	1,740	2,021
Totals ..	11,782	36,668	6,455	35,639	..	..	5,327	1,029

*Issue of Books suspended.

TABLE XII.

The following is a List of School Libraries with nnmber of Volumes supplied from the Central Library:—

Cattedown Road	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Charles'	Boys	75
,,	Girls	50
Compton	Mixed	100
Grey Coat	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Holy Cross	Boys	100
Holy Trinity	Boys	60
Household of Faith	Girls	50
Hyde Park Road	Boys	150
,, ,, ,,	Girls	150
King Street	Boys	100
Laira Green	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Mount Street	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
North Road	Girls	100
Palace Court	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Prince Rock	Girls	150
Public School, Cobourg Street	Mixed	88
Regent Street	Higher Grade	350
St. Andrew's	Boys	75
,,	Girls	50
St. Boniface	Boys	50
St. Catharine's	Boys	25
,,	Girls	25
St. James'	Boys	53
St. John's	Boys	120
,,	Girls	120
St. Peter's	Boys	120
,,	Girls	100
Salisbury Road	Boys	100
Sutton Road	Mixed	100
Treville Street	Boys	100
Union Street	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	120
Wolsdon Street	Girls	100
		3881

School Libraries.

The following regulations are in force for the management of School Libraries:—

(*a*) The Principal Teachers are held responsible for the proper cataloguing, issuing, collecting, and exchanging of the books for their respective departments, but may delegate the work of registration, etc., to an Assistant Teacher, or arrange for the work to be done in rotation by all the Assistants in the School.

(*b*) On the receipt, return, or transfer of books from the Free Library, each book shall be entered on the School Catalogue in the Form determined.

(*c*) A record shall be kept in the "Lending Book" of the names and addresses of the children making use of the Library, and the date and number of each book taken out or returned. Only one work at a time shall be taken by the same child.

(*d*) The whole of the children whose names appear on the Admission Register of the Department, and who are working in or above Standard III. shall be entitled to the benefit of the Library. The Principal Teacher may, however, have the right of withholding books from those who are known to have wilfully or carelessly damaged or injured any of the books taken out of the said Libraries.

(*e*) A specified time in each week, most convenient to each particular School, shall be fixed for the issue and collection of books, which shall apply to all children referred to in Section D, and such times shall be inserted on the labels affixed to the books, and shall be exhibited on a card hung on the walls of the Schoolroom.

(*f*) A list or catalogue of the books in the School, lent by the Library Committee, shall be hung in the School where it can be easily seen and referred to by the children.

(*g*) Each set of books at certain periods shall be returned direct to the Free Library; books worn out or otherwise unfit for circulation being replaced by new copies or other works when deemed desirable. Any School Library may, however, be retained for a further term, if so desired by the Principal Teachers.

(*h*) All books in circulation, with the remaining portion of the School Library not in circulation, shall be collected together at the School for inspection twice in each year, immediately before the Summer and Winter holidays, or at such times as may be fixed by the Librarian.

(*i*) The General Rules of the Free Library Committee shall, as far as applicable, be observed, and the Teachers shall make such periodical returns as the Librarian may require.

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*Abolitionist	M
*Acetylene	M
Agricultural Economist	W
*Alliance News	W
Animal World	M
*Animal's Friend	M
*Animal's Guardian	M
Antiquary	M
Arbitrator	M
Army List	M and Q
Art Journal	M
*Aspirant (*e*)	W
Athenæum	W
*Auckland Star	W
*Banner of Israel	W
Bazaar, Exchange and Mart	TRI-W
*Belfast News	W
*Bideford Weekly Gazette	W
*Bird Notes	W
Birmingham Daily Post	D
Black and White (*e*)	W
Blackpool Gazette	W
Blackpool Herald	W
*Blackpool Times	W
Blackwood's Magazine	M
*Bladud	W
*Board of Trade Journal	W
*Bodmin Guardian	W
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*British Temperance Advocate	M
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British Workwoman	M
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Building World	W
Canada	W
*Canadian Gazette	W
*Canadian Life	M
Captain (*e*)	M
Cassell's Magazine (*e*)	M
Cassell's Saturday Journal (*e*)	W
*Catholic Times	W
Century Magazine	M
*Century Path	W
Chamber's Journal (*e*)	M
*Charles' Parish Magazine	M
*Christian Life	W
*Christian Science Journal	M
*Christian Science Sentinel	W
Chums (*e*)	W
Church Gazette	M
*Church Intelligencer	M
*Church Quarterly Review	Q
*Church Times	W
*City Life Record	W
*Civil Service Candidate	W
*Civil Service Competitor (*e*)	W
Civilian	W
*Clarion	W
Clerk	W
*Clerk of Works Association Journal	M
*Commerce of Liverpool	M
Connoisseur	M
*Conservative and Unionist	M
Contemporary Review	M
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*Co-operative News	W
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Cornish Post	W
Cornish Times	W
*Cornubian	W
*Correspondent	W
Country Life (*e*)	W
County Gentleman	W
Cycling	W
Daily Chronicle (*e*)	D
Daily Express (*e*)	D
Daily Graphic (*e*)	D
Daily Illustrated Mirror (*e*)	D
Daily Mail (*e*)	D
Daily News (*e*)	D
Daily Telegraph (*e*)	D

*Dartmouth Chronicle	W
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*Deliverer	M
*Devon and Exeter Daily Gazette	D
*Devon and Somerset W. News	W
Devonshire Notes and Queries	Q
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*Drapers' Record	W
*East and the West	Q
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*Educational Times	M
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Engineering	W
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*Englishwoman	Q
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*Mid-Devon Advertiser	W
*Mission Field	M
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Morning Post (*e*)	D
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*Musical Herald	M
Musical Times	M
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Nation (*e*)	W
*Nation in Arms	M
*National Temperance Quarterly	Q
Nature	W
Nautical Magazine	M
Naval and Military Directory	M
Naval and Military Record (*e*)	W
*Navy League Journal	M
Navy List	M and Q
Navy List, Lean's Royal	Q
*New Church Magazine	M
*Newquay Guardian	W
*New Zealand Farmer	M
Newton Times	W
Nineteenth Century	M
*North Devon Herald	W
*Northern Whig	D
Notes and Queries	W
*Notes on Tariff Reform	M
*Nottingham Daily Express	D
*One and All	M
*Our Own Gazette	M
*Our Work	M

Outlook (*e*)	W
*Palestine Exploration Statement	Q
Pall Mall Gazette	D
Pall Mall Magazine (*e*)	M
*Paper Maker	M
*Patent Office Index	M
*Patent Office Journal	W
*Patent Office Journal (Australian)	W
Pearson's Magazine (*e*)	M
Pearson's Weekly (*e*)	W
Penny Illustrated Paper (*e*)	W
Penny Magazine (*e*)	W
Penny Pictorial Magazine (*e*)	W
People (*e*)	W
*Philatelic Journal	M
*Phonetic Journal	W
Photography	W
*Plymouth Grammar School Magazine	M
Plympton Gazette	W
*Poor Law Officer's Journal	W
*Postivist's Review	M
*Practical Engineer	W
*Present Truth	W
*Printer's Register	M
Public Opinion (*e*)	W
Publisher's Circular	W
Punch (*e*)	W
Quarterly Review	Q
Queen (*e*)	W
*Queensland Government Gazette	M
*Queensland Government Mining Journal	M
Quiver (*e*)	M
Railway Clerk	M
*Railway Review	W
*Register of Deceased Seamen	M
Redruth Advertiser	W
*Reports—Marine Department, Board of Trade	M
Review of Reviews (*e*)	M
Reynold's Newspaper	W
*Royal Cornwall Gazette	W
*St. Andrew's Parochial Magazine	M
St. James' Gazette	D
*Salcombe Times	W
Saltash Gazette	W
Saturday Review	W
*Scotsman	W
Scribner's Magazine	M
Shipping Gazette and Lloyd's List	D
Shipping Weekly Summary	W
*Shipping World	W
Shop Assistant	W
*Shorthand Gazette	M
Sketch (*e*)	W
*Social Democrat	M
*South Australian Register	W
South Wales Argus	D
Spectator	W
Sphere (*e*)	W
*Staffordshire Advertiser	W
*Staffordshire Sentinel	W
Standard (*e*)	D
*State Correspondent	M
Stationery World	M
Strand Magazine (*e*)	M
*Student's Journal	M
Studio	M
Sunday at Home (*e*)	M
*Tasmanian Mail	W
Tatler	W
*Temperance Advocate	W
Times	D
*Torquay Directory	W
*Totnes Times	W
T.P.'s Weekly (*e*)	W
Trade Marks Journal	W
Trade Marks Journal (Australian)	W
Truth	W
*United Empire	M
*University Correspondent	F
*Vegetarian Messenger	M
*Vulcan	M
*Weekly Dispatch	W
*Weekly Report	W
*West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser	W
West Cornwall Advertiser	W
Western Daily Mercury (*e*)	D
Western Daily Press (Bristol)	D
Western Evening Herald (*e*)	D
*Western Guardian	W
Western Independent (*e*)	W
Western Morning News (*e*)	D
*Western Times	D
Western Weekly Mercury (*e*)	W
Westminster Gazette	D and W
Westminster Review	M
*Weston-super-Mare Gazette	W
Wide World Magazine	M
Windsor Magazine (*e*)	M
Woman at Home (*e*)	M
Woman's Life	W
Women's Industrial News	M
*Worcester Herald	W
Work (*e*)	W
*Workmen's Messenger	M
World	W
World's Work	M
Yorkshire Post	D
Young England	M

Railway and other Official Time Tables.

English Railways.

Great Central.
Great Eastern—Harwich Route.
Great Northern.
Lancashire and Yorkshire.
London and Great Western.
London and North Western.
London and South Western.
London, Brighton and South Coast.
Midland.
North Eastern.
South Eastern.
South Eastern Continental Time Table.

Irish Railways.

Belfast and Northern Counties
Midland and Great Western.

Scottish Railways.

Caledonian.
Glasgow and South Western.
Great North of Scotland.
Highland.
North British.

General Time Tables.

Bradshaw.
British India Steam Navigation Co.
Clyde Shipping Co.
Cook's Excursionist.
Union Castle Co.

Local Time Tables.

Brendon's Plymouth and Western Counties Railway Guide.
Great Western Railway Local Time Tables.
Lynton and Barnstaple Railway Guide.
South Western Railway Local Time Tables.

Directories will be found in the Hall.

PRINCIPAL ADDITIONS.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Visitation of the County of Surrey 1662-68 (Ed.) Sir G. J. Armytage.
Bacon is Shakespeare. Sir E. Durning-Lawrence.
Paradise of the Holy Fathers (2 vols.). (Tr.) E. A. Wallis.
Registers of St. Bene't and St. Peter. London. Vol 2. H.S
Religio Scotica. R. C. Maclagan.
Visitation of the County of Suffolk, 1664-1668. (H.S.) Sir E. Bysshe.
Enchanting North. J. S. Fletcher.
A.B.C. about Collecting. Sir J. Yoxall.
Fictitious and Symbolic Creatures in Art. J. Vinycomb.
Life and Miracles of Sir William of Norwich. Thomas of Monmouth.
Confessions of St. Augustine. (Ed.) J. Gibb.
Palæontographical Society Report. Vol LXIV.
Christopher Marlowe. (Ed.) H. Ellis.
Dürer.
Raffael.
Rembrandt.
Tizian.
English-Portuguese and Portuguese-English Dictionary. J. Valdez.
Latin Dictionary. C. T. Lewis and Chas. Short.
Dictionary of Italian and English Languages. Baretti.
Inglez-Español ; Español-Inglez Diccionario.
Dictionnaire Geñeral de la Langue Francaise (2 Vols.).
Dictionary of Proper Names in the Works of Dante.
Dictionnaire Encyclopédique. Armand Colin.
Hungary.
Prayers (Illuminated Edn.) R. L. Stevenson.
Channel Islands. J. E. Morris.
English Lakes. G. Home.
Isle of Wight. G. E. Mitton.
Romance of London. G. Home.
The Thames. J. H. M. Howe.
The Trossachs. G. E. Mitton.
Wessex.
English-German and German-English Dictionary. Muret-Saunders.
Great Commentary of Cornelius à Lapide. Vols. 1—8. (Tr.) T. W. Mossman, B.A.
Hexapler Psalter. (Ed.) W. A. Wright.
Some Supposed Shakespeare Forgeries. E. Law.
Registers of St. Bene't and St. Peter. London. Vol. 3. (Ed.) W. A. Littledale [H.S.]
Registers of St. Paul's Church, Covent Garden London. Vol. 5. (Ed.) Rev. W. Hunt. [H.S.]
British Society of Franciscan Studies. Vols. 1 and 2.
Camden Miscellany. Vol. XII.
London to the Nore. W. L. and M. A. Wyllie.
From Damascus to Palonyra. J. Kelman.
Essex. A. R. Hope Moncrieff.
Kent. W. Teignmouth Shore.
Royal Navy. H. L. Swinbourne.

Encyclopædia of Marine Law. L. Duckworth.
Encyclopædia Britannica (29 Vols.). 11th Edn.
Italy. W. E. Stafford and C. Ball.
Translations of the Royal Historical Society (3rd Ser. Vol. IV.).

British Museum Publications :—

Catalogue of Books, etc. Vol. 3. L—O.
Catalogue of Engraved British Portraits (2 Vols.).
Catalogue of Marine Reptiles of the Oxford Clay. Pt. 1. C. W. Andrews.
Catalogue of Crustacea, Arachnida, etc.
Catalogue of Orthaptera. Vol. 3. Pt. 2. W. F. Kirby.
Field and Cultivated Mushrooms.
Flora of Jamaica. Vol. 1. W. Fawcett.
Fresh Water Fishes of Africa. Pt. 2. G. A. Boulenger.
Guide to British Vertebrates.
Handbook of Testse-Flies. E. S. Austen.
Hymenoptera (British). C. Morley.
Index to Collection of Minerals..
Lepidoptera Phalænæ, Vol. 9. G. F. Hampson.
Do. do. Vol. 10 (with plates).
Monograph of British Lichens. Pt. 2. A. L. Smith.
Monograph of Culicedæ or Mosquitoes. Vol. 5. F. V. Theobald.
Monograph of the Okapi. E. R. Lankester.

Historical Manuscripts Commission :—

Report on MSS. of J. B. Fortescue, Esq. Vol. VII.
Report on the MSS. of House of Lords. Vol. V. (N.S.).
Report on the MSS. of Lord Polwarth. Vol. 1.
Report on the MSS. of the Marquis of Ormonde. (N.S.). Vol. VI.
Report on the MSS. of the Marquis of Salisbury. Vol. XII.
Report on the Calendar of Stuart Papers. Vol. IV.

Also the following Annuals:—

Annual Register.
Civil Service Manual.
Crockford's Clerical Directory.
County Councils', Municipal Corporation's Companion.
English Catalogue of Books.
English Woman's Year Book.
Hazell's Annual.
Literary Year Book.
Naval Annual.
Royal Academy Pictures.
Stateman's Year Book.
Stock Exchange Year Book.
Whitaker's Almanack.
Who's Who.

DEVON AND CORNWALL DEPARTMENT.

Bosses and Corbels of Exeter Cathedral. E. K. Prideaux.
On Ancient Crosses and Cross Houses. J. B. Davidson.
South Devon and Dorset Coast. Sidney Heath.
Sir Walter Ralegh. Wm. Devereux and S. Lovell.
Cornish Coast (North). C. G. Harper.
Cornish Coast (South). C. G. Harper.
Cornwall Coast. A. L. Salmon.
Wild Fruit. Eden Phillpotts.
Life of Sir Walter Raleigh, by John Shirley.
Oxford Book of Ballads. (Ed.) A. Quiller-Couch.
Eighteenth Century Vignettes. A Dobson.
Isles of Scilly. J. Motherhole.
Oxford Book of English Verse (Ed.) A. Quiller-Couch.
Some Old Devon Churches. Vol. 2. John Stabb.
Family and Heirs of Sir Francis Drake. Lady Eliott Drake.
Cliff Castles and Cave Dwellings of Europe. S. Baring-Gould.
Original Poems. Mona Tytherleigh.
Old Kensington Palace, etc. Austin Dobson.
Pixy-led in North Devon. Z. E. A. Wade.
Down Channel in the "*Vivette*." E. K. Chatterton.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Plymouth, in the County of Devon, the sum of

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free from Legacy Duty, for the Benefit of the Free Public Library of the said Borough, to be expended in such manner as they may deem expedient for the enlargement and greater efficiency of the said Library.

Donations of Books may be notified to the Borough Librarian, Free Public Library, Plymouth, and will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.

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COUNTY-BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND NEWSROOMS.

Thirty-fifth Annual Report

of the Library Committee and the Borough Librarian.

(From April 1st, 1911, to March 31st, 1912).

Presented to the Council, July 8th, 1912.

1911-12.

PLYMOUTH:
Underhill & Co., Printers, Frankfort Street, and
Central Exchange Works, Whimple Street.

1912

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

1911-12.

Elected November 9th, 1911.

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR,
(*ex-officio*).

Chairman :
ALDERMAN W. L. MUNDAY.

ALDERMAN S. COUMBE	MR. E. R. HILSON
ALDERMAN J. F. WINNICOTT	MR G. H. LANG.
COUNCILLOR I. FOOT	MR. C. R. SERPELL.
COUNCILLOR W. S. SPEAR	DR. T. G. VAWDREY
COUNCILLOR H. SCOTT TUCKER	MR. W. J. VICKERY

MR. HAROLD WOLFERSTAN.

SUB-COMMITTEES :

Book Selection :—MESSRS. FOOT, MUNDAY, SERPELL, TUCKER, VAWDREY, WOLFERSTAN.

Finance and General Purposes :—MESSRS. HILSON, LANG, MUNDAY, SPEAR, VICKERY, WINNICOTT,

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LIBRARY STAFF.

Secretary and Borough Librarian :
W. H. KEARLEY WRIGHT, F.R. HIST. SOC., F.L.A.

Sub-Librarian : R. E. WELLINGTON.
Senior Assistant : T. J. BURROW.
Assistants : L. ANNEAR, F. WALDRON.
Junior Assistants : E. BURLEY, Junr., L. TREVENA.
Caretakers : E. BURLEY, JOSEPH LUCKHAM.
Extra Cleaners : W. NOTT, H. TRAVERS.
Stoker : T. JORDAN.
Attendant, Magazine Room : W. CANN.
Attendant, Laira Branch : J. JACKSON.
Attendant, Salisbury Road Branch : THOMAS POTTER.
Attendant, Hyde Park Road Branch : JOHN MADDOCK.

LIBRARY CHRONOLOGY.

1871 Library Acts adopted.
1876 Librarian appointed (March).
Library formally opened (August).
1879 Opening of Reference Library (August).
1884 Re-opening of Library after extension of the building (November).
1885 Annual Meeting of the Library Association at Plymouth (September).
1886 Death of Mr. R. C. Serpell, founder of the Library (October 25th).
1888 Establishment of School Libraries.
1892 Opening of Cattedown Road Branch (February). (Closed August, 1901).
1893 Opening of Union Street Branch (October). (Transferred to Oxford Street 1
(Closed 1901).
1894 Death of Mr. William Henry Luke, Honorary Treasurer and Deputy Chair
(February 27th).
1896 Re-opening of Library after extensive alterations (January).
1897 Opening of Laira Branch (March).
Opening of Compton Branch (April). Closed May, 1899).
Visit of American Librarians to Plymouth (July).
1898 Opening of Mount Street Branch (February). (Closed May, 1899).
1899 Death of Mr. George R. Barrett, Honorary Treasurer and Deputy-Chair
(August 24th).
1900 Re-opening Mount Street Branch (October). (Closed 1901).
1901 Annual Meeting of the Library Association at Plymouth (August).
1904 Opening of Salisbury Road Branch (March 11th).
Opening of Hyde Park Road Branch (October 7th).
1905 Death of Councillor John Taylor (September).
Resignation of Alderman John Shelly (November).
1906 Mr. Andrew Carnegie's offer accepted (August).
1907 Laying of Foundation Stone, New Library (October).
1910 Official Opening of New Library (October).

Population of Plymouth, 1876	about 70
,, ,, 1911	126
Area of the Borough	acres 2,
Rateable value of Plymouth, 1871	£166,
,, ,, 1911	£585,
Number of Volumes in Library, 1911	65,
Number of Volumes issued during the Municipal year 1911-12 ...	349,
Number of Volumes issued in all departments since the opening of Library to the end of March, 1911	9,888,
Number of Borrowers' Tickets issued 1911-12	3
Number of Borrowers enrolled since the opening of the Library ...	96,
Number of Students' Tickets issued 1911-12	

REPORT, 1911-12.

To the Members of the Free Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

There is nothing of special importance to record in connection with the work of the Library during the twelve months ending 31st March, 1912. Unlike the period covered by the previous report, the year was uneventful, but the work of the Institution has gone on steadily under the improved conditions incidental to the occupation of the new building.

In commemoration of the opening of the latter, and in recognition of the generosity of Mr. Carnegie, a brass tablet with the following inscription has been placed below the large window in the main staircase :—

PLYMOVTH FREE PVBLIC LIBRARY
FOVNDED 1876
This Building, the Gift of
ANDREW CARNEGIE LL.D.,
was opened by the Right Worshipful the Mayor
on the 25th day of October 1910, for the free use
of the people of Plymouth.

Alderman John Yeo, J.P. Mayor, Chairman of Committee.
Councillor W. L. Munday, Deputy Chairman.

Alderman S. Coombe.	E. R. Hilson.
J. F. Winnicott.	G. H. Lang.
Councillor I. Foot.	C. R. Serpell.
J. Hayne Pillar.	T. G. Vawdrey.
H. Scott Tucker.	W. J. Vickery.

H. Wolferstan.
Members of the Library Committee.

J. H. Ellis, Town Clerk. W. H. K. Wright, Borough Librarian.
Thornely & Rooke, Architects. Pethick Bros, Ltd. Builders.

In November last it was reported that Mr. Carnegie, in addition to the £15,000 already contributed, had sent a cheque for £634, the balance due on the building account. This contribution was the more acceptable in that it was entirely unsolicited, and relieved the Committee of some financial anxiety.

This welcome gift and the automatic increase in the income of the Library have enabled the Committee to make purchases of many desirable new books, to replace many which were worn out, and to rebind many books in the Reference Library which were in a very dilapidated condition.

The Library contained at the close of the period covered by this Report 65,084 volumes, an increase of 1397 on the total given last year. Full particulars are given in Table I., but it may be stated by way of summary, that 754 volumes were added to the Lending Library, 330 to the Reference Library, and 313 to the Devon and Cornwall Collection.

The number of Borrowers' Tickets issued fell short of those recorded in the last Report. This may be accounted for by the fact that the novelty of the present building attracted many people at the time of the opening to take tickets, who did not continue to use the Library afterwards. The same cause may be responsible for a reduction in the general issues; but another factor is undoubtedly the want of new books, due to shortness of funds during the earlier portion of the past year. This is now in process of being rectified, and the addition of many new books recently has been greatly appreciated by the Borrowers; and, upon the whole, the table of issues in the various departments is generally satisfactory.

The use of the Reference Library has steadily increased; but, as readers have had free access to the shelves, the returns are not so full as they might be. By reverting, however, to the old system of forms for books applied for or used, more precise figures in this connection will be available. Readers have still access to the shelves, but they are asked to furnish the attendants with a list of books used, mainly for statistical purposes.

In the Reference Library the issues recorded were 64,691 volumes, with a daily average of 215.

The attendance in the Newspaper Room and the Magazine and Ladies' Room has increased, but it has been found that the privileges have in some cases been abused by the purloining and mutilation of illustrated papers and magazines.

Books are now supplied to forty school libraries within the Borough. By this means a steady and continuous circulation of about four thousand volumes among the school children is attained.

The Evening Reading Rooms continue to attract a great many of the residents in the respective districts in which they are situated, and they are generally appreciated. It may, however, be a matter for early consideration whether or not a scheme of branch libraries cannot be formulated now that we have a spacious central library in working order.

The Saturday afternoon Lectures have been very popular, especially since the change of rooms. Owing to the overcrowding of the original Lecture Hall, which adjoined the main thoroughfare, and was consequently somewhat noisy, the Committee sanctioned the removal of the platform into the Magazine Room at the rear ; a hall which is more commodious and less liable to disturbance from passing street traffic. This desirable change was effected in November last, since when there has been no further complaint.

A list of the Lectures given during the session will be found in another part of this Report. They numbered thirty-two from September 30th, 1911, to April 27th, 1912, making 159 since they were started in February, 1906.

As will be noted, the Lectures were all on literary subjects, and were, the Committee believe, highly appreciated by large audiences, amounting on some occasions to nearly 400.

To all who have assisted in this educational course, and particularly to the Lord Bishop of Exeter, Sir Robert T. White-Thomson, and other gentlemen who came from a distance and often at considerable inconvenience, the Committee beg to tender their sincere thanks.

In connection with the Rev. W. T. Adey's lecture on "Thomas Bewick," delivered on March 29th, 1912, a small exhibition of books illustrated by Bewick, and of wood blocks engraved by him, was organised by the Librarian to illustrate that particular phase of Bewick's work, and attracted considerable attention. Other exhibitions of a similar character are in contemplation.

In addition to our Library Lectures, two courses of Lectures were arranged for last winter in connection with the Cambridge University Extension scheme, now managed locally by the Education Authority. The Lectures, (delivered on Monday evenings) by Mr. J. Travis Mills, M.A., on "Landmarks of Modern History," were well attended.

The Borough Librarian attended, by permission of the Committee, the annual meeting of the Library Association, held at Perth in September last. His detailed report is given herewith.

Several additions have been made to the collection of portraits of Plymouth Mayors, hung in the Lecture Hall, including a photographic reproduction of the Corporation portrait of Sir Francis Drake, Mayor 1581-82, presented by Messrs. Heath and Stoneman.

Many presentations have been made to the Library during the past twelve months. These have been reported from time to time to the Council and duly acknowledged by the Librarian on behalf of the Committee. The names of the donors will be found at the end of this report. A list of some of the principal additions made to the Library is also given.

W. L. MUNDAY, *Chairman.*

W. H. K. WRIGHT, *Borough Librarian.*

To the Members of the Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I attended, by your kind permission, the thirty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Library Association, held at Perth during the first week in September under the presidency of Sir John A. Dewar, Bart., M.P.

Being so far north, the attendance of members was smaller than usual, but the absence of many English Librarians was counterbalanced by the presence of the librarians and other representatives of the principal libraries in Scotland.

The proceedings and papers scarcely reached the average of the meetings of the Association in point of interest and importance.

On Monday evening, September 4th, the delegates were received in the City Hall by Lord Provost Macnab, who extended a hearty welcome in the name of the City.

At the first morning Session, on Tuesday, the new President was duly installed, the retiring President (Dr. F. G. Kenyon) being thanked for his services.

The Presidential Address delivered by Sir John Dewar was a thoughtful and practical one, in which he dealt with the growing influence of public libraries upon individual and national life and character. He also cited some remarkable cases of library development in the north which had come under his personal observation ; particularly the establishment of small libraries in the scattered villages of the Western Hebrides . He also spoke in eulogistic terms of the work going on in Perth in connection with the Sandeman Library—Librarian, Mr. Craigie.

A paper giving a Summary of the History of the Sandeman Library, which had been prepared by Mr. James B. Bouick, Member of the Perth Library Committee, was taken as read ; but we were able to inspect the Library and its system at our leisure.

Another paper, entitled, "Some factors contributing to the Success of Public Libraries," by Mr. James Christison, Public Library, Montrose, was also taken as read.

A lengthy discussion ensued upon the reading of a paper by Mr. L. Stanley Jast, Honorary Secretary of the Library Association, on "The Immediate Future of the Library Association." This contained much controversial matter and many suggestions which were not generally endorsed by the members.

Mr. Cedric Chivers, of Bath, read a paper on "The Relative Values f Leather and other Binding Materials," which was of great practical alue.

In the evening a public Lantern Lecture on Library Work was given in he City Hall by Mr. Jast, which was largely attended by the public and elegates. Many interesting slides were shown, including one of the xterior of our new building.

On Wednesday morning the first paper read was by Mr. H. R. Tedder, ibrarian of the Athenæum, London, and Honorary Treasurer of the ibrary Association. It related to the "Projected Bibliography of National Iistory," a gigantic scheme which is now taking shape, and will when ompleted bring Great Britain up to the level of France, Germany, and merica in this important department of literature.

A paper by Mr. W. E. A. Axon, of Manchester, on the "Bibliotheca indesiana" was read by Mr. C. W. Sutton, Chief Librarian of Manchester, nd briefly discussed.

One of the most interesting features of the Conference was a paper by lderman H. Plummer, Chairman of the Manchester Public Libraries ommittee, the title of which was "The Place of the Public Library in ivil Life." He dealt chiefly with the choice of books, and pronounced scathing indictment against the pernicious books of the day, singling out ome recent works of fiction for special condemnation. He also justified e recent action of the Manchester Committee in boycotting certain books.

Dr. A. H. Millar, Librarian of the Dundee Public Libraries, followed ith "Notes on Library Administrative Work and Legislation." He also poke strongly on the fiction question, advocating a more generous treatent than that proposed by Alderman Plummer; but urging a rigid censorhip of the books added to the Libraries. Dr. Millar also referred to certain nomalies regarding library legislation and administration. The discussion f these two papers was very vigorous and extremely edifying.

There was no afternoon sitting on this day, the President receiving the elegates at Dupplin Castle, some miles from Perth.

Thursday morning was a full one, the papers read being of more general nterest. Miss E. A. Austin, Librarian of the National Lending Library or the Blind, and Mr. G. E. Roebuck, Librarian of the Public Library, Valthamstow, were associated together in a paper on "Recent Conditions nd Possibilities of Public Library Service to the Blind," which resulted n a very useful discussion.

Mr. H. Tapley Soper, Exeter City Librarian, gave the result of his nvestigations as to "The Distribution of Government Publications and Documents," urging that concerted action should be taken to induce the Government to be more liberal in their grants of departmental publications, s these works were printed at the public expense and should be made ccessible to the people. He instanced the methods adopted in the U.S.A.

and in some of our Colonies, proving that Great Britain was far behind those countries in this respect. This paper and the discussion which followed is likely to be of considerable value to Public Libraries in the near future.

Mr. R. A. Peddie, Librarian of the Technical Library, St. Bride's Foundation Institute, London, gave a trenchant paper on "English Libraries: A Study in Administrative Chaos."

Reports of the various Committees of the Council were also taken at this sitting, these being as follows:—

Law and Parliamentary Committee, by Mr. T. C. Abbott.
Education Committee, by Dr. E. A. Baker.
Publications Committee, by Mr. Henry Bond.
Book Production Committee, by Mr. A. J. Philip.
International Committee, by Mr. L. C. Wharton.

The annual Business Meeting of the Association occupied the whole of Thursday afternoon. This was to consider the Report of the Council, the Treasurer's and Auditors' Reports, and the Reports of Branch and District Associations. Among many other matters discussed was the draft of the new Library Bill, which it is proposed to re-introduce in to the House of Commons next session.

Friday was taken up with a visit to Dundee to inspect the Albert Institute, which includes Library, Museum, and Art Gallery; and the new Branch Libraries, for which Mr. Carnegie has contributed £37,000. Those we were privileged to inspect were models in their way, both as regards architectural features and arrangements. Our inspection was curtailed owing to a heavy downpour of rain, which prevented our completing the programme which had been arranged. We were, however, able to inspect more minutely than we could otherwise have done the Central Library and Museum and Art Gallery with its many and varied treasures. Dundee Library has been considerably enlarged and improved since my last visit, the new Librarian, Dr. Millar, having admirably followed up the excellent work of my old and trusty friend, the late John Maclauchlan. Mr. Carnegie was announced to visit Dundee on Tuesday, September 12th, to open the last of the Branch Libraries provided through his generosity.

Incidentally I may mention that I paid a visit to the Edinburgh Public Library, to the Walsall Public Library, and to the Public Library of Kingston-upon-Thames—all Carnegie institutions.

Next year's meeting of the Association is to be held at Liverpool, where we hope to be favoured with the presence of numerous delegates from the United States and Canada. I still retain a seat on the Council.

W. H. K. WRIGHT,

Borough Librarian.

LECTURES (Sixth Course,)

During Session 1911-12

The following Lectures were delivered on Saturday afternoons from September 30th, 1911, to April 27th, 1912, inclusive, in continuation of the List given in previous Reports.

128. September 30th, 1911—The Borough Librarian; subject, "Sir Arthur T. Quiller-Couch (No. 3 West-Country Writers)." Chairman, The Mayor (Alderman T. Greek Wills, J.P.).

129. October 7th, 1911—Rev. W. Gregory Harris; subject, "West Country Dialect Forms, with Illustrative Sketches." Chairman, Councillor W. L. Munday.

130. October 14th, 1911—Mr. R. E. Pengelly; subject, "What is Literature?" Chairman, Mr. George H. Lang.

131. October 21st, 1911—Mr. J. J. Alexander, M.A.; subject, "Parody." Chairman, Rev. H. J. Chaytor, M.A.

132. October 28th, 1911—Mr. G. P. Dymond, M.A.; subject, "Some English Satires." Chairman, Alderman J. F. Winnicott, J.P.

133. November 4th, 1911—Mr. John Hitchings; subject, "Robert Herrick, Poet and Priest." Chairman, Dr. T. G. Vawdrey.

134. November 11th, 1911—Mr. Septimus G. Green; subject, "The Mechanism of English Verse." Chairman, The Mayor (Alderman Henry Hurrell, J.P.).

135. November 18th, 1911—Rev. F. W. Newman; subject, "The Author of the 'Woman in White' (W. Wilkie Collins)." Chairman, Mr. R. Rugg Monk, J.P.

136. November 25th, 1911—Mr. Geo. W. Wherry; subject, "Romances and Legends of the West of England, Part II." Chairman, Councillor Charles Mills.

137. December 2nd, 1911—Mr. R. A. J. Walling; subject, "Diamond Pitt, of Boconnoc." Chairman, Councillor Isaac Foot.

138. December 9th, 1911—The Borough Librarian; subject, "Charles Dickens in the West." Chairman, Alderman W. L. Munday.

139. December 16th, 1911—The Very Rev. M. J. Burns, D.D.; subject, "Alcuin of York: His Literary Career." Chairman, Councillor T. P. Treglohan (Devonport).

140. December 23rd, 1911—The Borough Librarian; subject, "The *Christmas Carol*, by Charles Dickens, with Introductory Notes." Chairman, Councillor W. Hornbrook, J.P. (Devonport).

141. December 30th, 1911—Mr. J. H. Lucas; subject, "Our National Songs and their Story," with musical illustrations. Chairman, Mr. J. R. Lake.

142. January 6th, 1912—Rev. R. H. Kipling; subject, "Wordsworth, the High Priest of Nature." Chairman, Mr. C. R. Serpell.

143. January 13th, 1912—Miss Helen Brinckman; subject, "Recitals from Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, with introductory notes by Mrs. John Skelton. Chairman, Mr. Frank Underhill.

144. January 19th, 1912—Miss Helen Brinckman (as before). President, Mrs. John Skelton.

145. January 20th, 1912—Mr. F. E. Sach; subject, "John Locke, Philosopher and Politician. Chairman, Dr. T. G. Vawdrey.

146. January 27th, 1912—Mr. George J. Michell, B.A.; subject, "The Oldest Books in the World." Chairman, Capt. G. H. Inskip, R.N., J.P.

147. February 3rd, 1912—Rev. Charles Joseph; subject, "The Spiritual Side of Tennyson's 'Idylls of the King.'" Chairman, Mr. T. J. Brewer.

148. February 10th, 1912—Rev. E. Rattenbury Hodges; subject, "Carlyle, the Sage of Chelsea." Chairman, Councillor J. T. Johnson.

149. February 17th, 1912—Rev. H. J. Chaytor, M.A.; subject, "Dante and Virgil." Chairman, The Right Rev. John Keily, D.D., Bishop of Plymouth.

150. February 24th, 1912—The Lord Bishop of Exeter (Dr. Robertson); subject, "The 19th Century: a Retrospect." Chairman, Alderman W. L. Munday.

151. March 2nd, 1912—Rev. Thomas Flavell; subject, "Wit and Humour." Chairman, Mr. John Hitchings.

152. March 9th, 1912—Rev. W. T. Adey; subject, "Thomas Bewick, the Father of English Wood Engraving, etc., etc.," with illustrations of his work. Chairman, Mr. H. Montagu Evans.

153. March 16th, 1912—Mr. Isaac Foot; subject, "Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, with Illustrative Recitals." Chairman, Mr. R. A. J. Walling.

154. March 23rd, 1912—Sir Robert T. White Thomson, K.C.B.; subject, "Dr. Samuel Johnson." Chairman, Mr. T. Canning Baily.

155. March 30th, 1912—Mr. A. L. Strachan, B.A.; subject, "Charles Lamb and the Essays of 'Elia.'" Chairman, Mr. J. T. Fouracre.

156. April 6th, 1912—Mr. John Shelly; subject, "The Prose Writings of Walter Savage Landor." Chairman, The Rev. J. T. Trelawny-Ross, D.D.

157. April 13th, 1912—Mr. J. Newton Hearn; subject, "The Tragical History of Dr. Faustus, by Christopher Marlowe." Chairman, Mr. G. J. Michell, B.A.

158. April 20th, 1912—Mr. John Shelly; subject, "The Poetical Works of Walter Savage Landor." Chairman, Councillor H. Scott Tucker.

159. April 27th, 1912—Mr. Reginald Waddy, F.R.C.O.; subject, "Elizabethan Lyrics, with Musical Illustrations." Chairman Rev. G. B. Berry.

TABLE I.

Additions made to the Library.

Class Letter	Works as Classified.	No of Volumes. 1911	1912	Increase 1912.
A	Theology, Religion, and Philosophy	1495	1547	52
B	Biography and Correspondence ...	3228	3325	97
C	History, Voyages, and Travels ...	4543	4641	98
D	Education, Political Economy, &c. ...	1051	1112	61
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History ...	2063	2105	42
F	Poetry, Classics, and the Drama ...	2039	2092	53
G	Prose Fiction	9451	9575	124
H	Miscellaneous Works	250	250	...
I	Magazines and Reviews	3636	3718	82
M	Music	343	344	1
R	Books for the Blind	153	153	..
J, S	Juvenile Books, including School Libraries	8465	8609	144
K	Reference Works (Reference Library) ...	15535	15865	330
L	Devon and Cornwall Library	11435	11748	313
	TOTALS ...	63687	65084	1397

TABLE II.

Register of Borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets issued previously, as per Thirty-four published Reports ...	93,375
Borrowers' Tickets issued since the publication of the last Report	2,653
Students' Tickets	210
Laira Branch	65
Salisbury Road Branch	35
Hyde Park Road Branch	54
	96,392

TABLE III.

Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year, with reasons assigned.

Borrowers left the town	21
,, deceased	5
,, withdrawn	14
Guarantor withdrawn	2
Cancelled (unclaimed)	25
	67

TABLE IV.

Ages of Borrowers enrolled during the twelve months ending March 31st, 1912.

Under 15 years			436
From 15 to 20 years			572
,, 20 to 25 ,,			416
,, 25 to 30 ,,			398
,, 30 to 40 ,,			196
,, 40 to 50 ,,			144
,, 50 to 60 ,,			65
Ages not recorded:	Burgesses	489	
,,	Non-Burgesses	301	
			790
			3017

TABLE V.

Residential Distribution of Borrowers.

	Burgess.	Non-Burgess.	Total.
Vintry Ward	26	34	60
St. Andrew's Ward	45	141	186
Hoe Ward	46	129	175
Millbay Ward	31	102	133
St. Peter's Ward	50	131	181
Frankfort Ward	69	158	227
Drake's Ward	72	210	282
Charles' Ward	70	206	276
Greenbank Ward	54	149	203
Mutley Ward	98	177	275
Compton Ward	71	152	223
Laira Ward	84	204	288
Friary Ward	49	106	155
Sutton Ward	45	124	169
Non-Residents	—	30	30
Borrowers at Laira Branch	20	45	65
,, Salisbury Road Branch	14	21	35
,, Hyde Park Road Branch	22	32	54
	872	2145	3017

TABLE VI.

Occupation of Borrowers, 1911-12.

Classification.	*No.*
Accountants, Clerks, &c.	261
Agents and Managers	55
Apprentices	72
Architects	6
Assistants, Shop	221
Bakers and Confectioners	30
Boot and Shoe Makers	26
Builders and Contractors	12
Butchers, &c.	20
Cabinet Makers, Carpenters, and Joiners	34
Chemists, Druggists, &c.	48
Civil Service Officials	31
Clergy and Ministers	14
Commercial Travellers	33
Customs and Board of Trade Officials	20
Dairymen, Gardeners, &c.	16
Dentists	10
Domestic Servants	41
Drapers	38
Draughtsmen	6
Electricians	28
Engineers and Engine Fitters	36
Engravers and Lithographers	6
Errand Boys, Office Boys, and Messengers	41
Foremen	12
Grocers and Tea Dealers	26
Hair Dressers	20
Inspectors	7
Ironmongers	15
Journalists, Reporters, &c.	20
Labourers and Porters	12
Married Women (so specified)	136
Masons and Plasterers	21
Merchants and Manufacturers	12
Milliners and Dressmakers	56
Musicians, Tuners, &c.	10
Nurses	22
Officers, Army and Navy	38
Painters and Decorators	26
Pensioners	70
Photographers	6
Plumbers and Gasfitters	21
Printers and Compositors	34
Railway Officials	22
School Children and Students	610
School Masters, Mistresses, and Teachers	105
Shipwrights	35
Shopkeepers	12
Smiths, Stokers, &c.	13
Solicitors	4
Spinsters (so specified)	40
Surveyors	10
Tailors and Outfitters, &c.	29
Tobacconists	12
Typists	21
Upholsterers	12
Waiters	10
Warehousemen	24
Watchmakers, Jewellers, &c.	8
Widows (so specified)	26
Occupations not recorded, or persons having no settled occupation	355
Total	3017

TABLE VII.

Return of Issues in the Central and Branch Lending Departments, from April 1st, 1911, to March 31st, 1912, with Monthly Totals and Averages.

MONTH.	DAYS OPEN.	A—Theology and Philosophy.	B—Biography and Correspondence.	C—History, Voyages and Travels.	D—Political Econ. and Education.	E—Art, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Classics, and Drama.	G—Prose Fiction	I—Magazines and Reviews.	J—Juvenile Works.	L—Local Works.	M—Musical Works.	R—Books for Blind.	S & T—Schools and Evening Branches.	TOTALS.	Daily Average.
1911.															*153	
April ..	23	211	341	482	190	491	501	7,510	542	1,412	641	140	*153 Volumes on loan at the Blind Institution	14,612	27,073	1,177
May ..	27	336	412	609	210	640	712	8,314	611	1,691	842	210		15,911	30,498	1,129
June ..	24	294	441	581	186	528	641	7,981	589	1,512	712	191		15,421	29,077	1,211
July ..	25	301	398	512	174	496	499	7,846	551	1,584	741	219		15,782	29,103	1,164
August ..	26	322	464	621	281	502	572	8,021	603	1,611	692	181		15,418	29,288	1,126
September	26	346	502	711	194	612	588	7,992	591	1,642	781	172		15,512	29,643	1,140
October ..	26	411	462	693	189	551	604	8,016	482	1,598	742	194		15,781	29,723	1,145
November	25	369	541	628	214	628	503	7,829	516	1,642	684	188		15,212	28,954	1,158
December	23	312	498	712	166	582	912	7,792	602	1,580	591	206		14,906	28,859	1,254
1912.																
January ..	23	225	406	496	182	394	467	7,629	532	1,461	722	164		14,874	27,552	1,197
February ..	25	462	561	628	196	445	628	7,902	488	1,609	537	199		15,186	28,841	1,153
March ..	26	388	616	794	221	681	794	8,148	598	1,622	754	222		15,612	30,450	1,171
Totals ..	299	3,977	5,642	7,467	2,403	6,550	7,421	94,980	6,705	18,964	8,439	2,286	153	184,227	349,214	1,167

TABLE VIII.

Works consulted in the Reference Department (including Devon and Cornwall Books), from April 1st, 1911, to March 31st, 1912, inclusive.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Biblical and Religious Works.	B—Biographical Works.	C—General History, Travels, &c.	D—Dictionaries, Encyclopædias, and other comprehensive Works.	E—Arts, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Drama, and the Classics.	G—Fiction and General Literature.	H—Heraldic and Genealogical Works.	I—Magazines, Reviews, and Newspapers.	J—General Topographical Works.	L—Works relating to Devon and Cornwall.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1911.														
April ..	23	231	276	309	951	281	512	54	364	1,010	362	521	4,871	211
May ..	27	316	394	421	996	464	611	90	461	1,215	511	877	6,356	235
June ..	24	249	301	359	798	302	398	60	412	969	410	656	4,914	204
July ..	25	264	330	391	806	348	414	71	462	1,039	398	692	5,215	208
August ..	26	308	416	442	911	329	461	80	481	1,062	486	530	5,500	211
September	26	291	398	486	1,012	420	522	54	454	1,039	454	564	5,694	219
October ..	26	326	462	509	984	428	498	62	505	1,052	431	468	5,725	220
November	25	259	388	461	1,091	371	406	45	398	945	450	577	5,391	215
December	24	301	296	387	1,005	384	411	56	421	1,021	512	308	5,102	212
1912.														
January ..	23	229	284	561	912	288	455	44	349	926	409	574	5,031	218
February	25	209	266	389	961	341	402	81	417	934	511	684	5,285	211
March ..	26	302	394	441	918	369	481	99	498	991	574	534	5,601	215
Totals—	300	3375	4205	5156	11,345	4,325	5,571	796	5,222	12,203	5,508	6,985	64,601	215

Statement of the work of the Library in all Departments comprised in the thirty-five published Reports.

Year.	Days Open.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	R	S & T	TOTALS	Daily Average.
1876-85	2566	12,494	38,424	91,202	6,559	34,936	23,347	664,765	22,762	107,727	175,768	173,972	34,302	..	..	..	1,386,258	540
1886..	285	1,113	2,354	6,184	540	3,384	1,989	69,000	1,534	10,452	19,859	40,806	3,958	..	..	..	160,823	564
1887..	287	1,278	2,280	5,875	644	2,960	1,642	66,665	1,465	11,019	21,702	28,979	3,392	..	..	..	147,901	515
1888-89	351	1,343	3,390	9,515	709	3,386	1,990	86,547	2,918	12,509	84,113	37,857	7,464	..	..	..	251,739	710
1889-90	156 289	404	1,418	3,794	236	1,508	716	35,701	1,224	5,016	51,360	33,553	3,247	..	..	..	138,177	670 L.D. 116 R.D.
1890 91	286	777	2,474	6,974	358	2,207	1,095	64,813	2,038	9.362	104,404	32,133	5,217	..	..	..	231,852	810
1891-92	290	815	2,489	6,579	482	2,339	1,352	59,889	1,204	8,783	88,819	43,252	3 835	..	..	11,350	231,188	797
1892-93	285	711	2,010	4,615	590	2,275	1,032	56,457	859	8,909	12,977	49,151	393	..	..	112,365	252,344	885
1893 94	288	963	1,818	4,920	798	2,384	1,013	57,629	1,071	7,997	15,065	52,414	847	..	..	154,500	301,419	1,046
1894-95	285	1,073	2,022	4,381	819	2,138	758	54,932	987	6,081	14,564	58,366	1,811	..	..	144,667	292,599	1,026
1895-96	112	467	958	2,340	189	1,175	478	25,545	434	2,957	7,224	21,224	1,235	..	..	128,705	192,931	1,722
1896-97	284 302	990	3,279	7,527	541	4,022	1,665	76,032	1,090	7,562	17,145	65,304	4,466	..	302	135,436	325,361	915 L.D. 216 R.D.
1897-98	299 300	1,437	5,009	7,600	618	4,814	1,303	81,401	955	6,904	11,990	66,306	4,437	..	459	184,319	377,552	1040 L.D. 221 R.D.
1898-99	294 300	1,084	4,005	6,707	649	4,707	2,193	66,394	499	5,550	7,977	62,901	4,982	561	256	210,346	378,811	1074 L.D. 209 R.D.
1899-00	292	926	3,276	6,082	522	3,270	1,229	56,686	203	5,987	8,541	55,936	3,347	674	226	199,366	346,271	994 L.D. 191 R.D.
1900-01	297	1,006	2,939	6,066	583	3,125	1,265	62,228	134	6,607	8,920	62,128	4,126	1,025	135	219,553	379,840	1069 L.D. 209 R.D.
1901-02	293	1,191	3,418	5,287	769	4,597	1.367	63,493	14	6,925	6,743	65,121	4,217	1,182	72	200,488	364.884	1023 L.D. 222 R.D.
1902-03	295 297	2,033	5,346	7,489	1,766	6,935	3,180	72,016	..	8,079	7,474	70,609	5,732	1,614	153	195,658	388,084	1076 L.D. 237 R.D.
1903-04	294 296	2,259	5,251	7,358	1,580	7,110	3.660	86,148	..	9,025	11,485	70,864	6,954	2,087	153	186.380	400,314	1120 L.D 239 R.D.
1904-05	295 301	2,583	5,922	8,256	2,800	8,160	4,453	100,821	..	10,352	19,420	72,281	9,319	2,371	153	169,755	416,646	1167 L.D. 240 R.D.
1905-06	298 303	3,098	5,942	8,183	3,372	8,420	4,697	100,501	..	10,221	19,961	73,087	9.170	2,197	153	198,546	447,548	1256 L.D. 241 R.D.
1906-07	294 301	2,797	5,086	7,017	2,845	7,395	3,938	96,930	..	9,839	20,392	74,347	8,129	1,873	153	200,285	441,026	1247 L.D. 247 R.D.
1907-08	299 309	3,426	5,804	7,381	3,195	7,716	4,738	102,543	..	9.778	22,246	76,770	8,801	2,507	153	199,492	454.550	1263 L.D. 248 R.D.
1908-09	293 307	3,181	5,809	7,065	2.966	7,200	4,803	105,306	..	10,012	21,560	76,357	9,056	2,147	153	192,445	448,060	1268 L.D. 248 R.D.
1909-10	294 300	2,888	5,213	6,078	2,718	6,058	4,424	107,443	..	8,112	18,097	74,121	8,065	1,977	153	182,694	428,041	1203 L.D. 247 R.D.
1910-11	221 222	3,954	5,586	6,819	2,327	5,710	6,488	85,536	..	76,81	15,098	64,080	7,428	1,804	153	142,646	355,310	1317 L.D 288 R.D.
1911-12	299 300	3.977	5,642	7,467	2,403	6,550	7,421	94,980	..	6,705	18,964	64,691	8,439	2,286	153	184,227	349,214	1167 L.D. 215 R.D.
Totals ..		58,245	137,164	258,759	41.588	154,481	92,236	2,600,401	39.391	320,151	831,868	1,666,610	172,009	24,305	2,980	3.553,223	9,888,743	

TABLE X.*

Showing the Accessions in all Departments of the Library from year to year since the opening in August, 1876, and the present state of the Library Stock.

Year.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	R	S	Totals.	Yearly Increase.
1876-77	326	744	1,637	145	487	469	2,373	431	759	473	666	368	..	..	..	7,908	..
1878..	404	863	1,854	205	595	513	2,686	597	1,116	513	975	583	..	..	..	9,906	1,998
1879..	451	917	1,290	229	661	608	2,795	613	1,227	668	1,426	746	..	..	..	11,261	1,355
1880..	478	967	1,944	256	698	628	2,031	639	1,270	769	1,970	1,091	..	..	..	12,721	1,460
1881..	509	1,024	2,061	289	730	690	2,265	633	1,380	876	2,155	1,397	..	..	..	14,009	1,288
1882..	580	1,086	2,147	311	825	720	2,375	649	1,557	984	2,629	1,666	..	..	..	15,519	1,510
1883..	625	1,109	2,163	324	849	754	2,457	645	1,614	1,047	3,345	2,110	..	..	..	17,042	1,523
1884..	629	1,129	2,220	353	898	782	2,636	650	1,670	1,069	5,200	2,290	..	..	..	19,506	2,464
1885..	656	1,162	2,254	380	959	828	2,811	661	1,754	1,118	5,670	2,655	..	..	..	20,908	1,402
1886..	689	1,282	2,390	424	1,029	848	3,218	741	1,844	1,284	6,480	2,743	..	..	..	22,972	2,064
1887..	708	1,354	2,514	459	1,115	878	3,418	805	1,908	1,734	6,750	2,958	..	..	..	24,602	1,630
1888-89	751	1,433	2,624	479	1,182	918	3,649	892	2,116	2,480	7,045	3,275	..	..	..	26,833	2,231
1889-90	758	1,502	2,688	494	1,210	959	4,049	918	2,159	2,787	7,559	3,895	..	..	..	28,070	2,137
1890-91	794	1,561	2,820	523	1,256	990	4,304	957	2,232	2,934	8,040	4,320	..	..	..	30,732	1,761
1891-92	816	1,618	2,894	601	1,303	1,008	4,582	970	2,314	2,997	8,385	5,464	..	..	..	33,533	2,802
1892-93	867	2,678	2,955	625	1,354	1,075	4,749	981	2,442	3,892	8,630	6,003	..	..	110	35,361	1,828
1893-94	892	1,731	3,037	637	1,406	1,102	5,035	983	2,506	4,290	9,592	6,350	..	..	238	37,799	2,438
1894-95	935	1,777	3,076	657	1,443	1,118	5,203	989	2,588	936	10,063	6,897	..	..	3,074	38,960	1,161
1895-96	947	1,802	3,118	662	1,471	1,144	5,377	990	2,680	967	10,411	7,356	..	..	3,236	40,161	1,201
1896-97	959	1,945	3,205	670	1,567	1,226	5,671	992	2,737	980	10,701	7,789	..	138	3,496	42,076	1,915
1897-98	978	2,291	3,276	688	1,594	1,273	5,937	999	2,856	999	11,087	8,021	..	155	3,837	44,091	2,015
1898-99	985	2,361	3,336	745	1,624	1,316	6,110	699	2,270	1,034	11,461	8,282	81	170	4,004	45,278	1,187
1899-00	1,024	2,438	3,464	758	1,660	1,458	6,154	365	3,906	1,041	11,799	8,373	108	181	4,268	46,197	919
1900-01	1,051	2,513	3,677	773	1,686	1,533	6,323	250	3,088	1,042	12,296	8,709	119	190	4,222	47,572	1,375
1901-02	1,073	2,539	3,733	789	1,698	1,594	6,521	250	3,146	1,057	12,694	9,022	119	190	4,380	48,905	1,333
1902-03	1,286	2,615	3,841	814	1,736	1,688	6,796	250	3,184	1,070	13,023	9,215	187	153	4,676	50,534	1,629
1903-04	1,302	2,694	3,940	827	1,780	1,723	7,130	250	3,261	1,150	13,387	9,367	188	153	5,385	52,537	2,003
1904-05	1,325	2,764	4,038	877	1,812	1,768	7,525	250	3,319	1,183	13,757	9,526	178	153	5,701	54,276	1,739
1905-06	1,363	2,844	4,116	998	1,853	1,791	7,896	250	3,386	1,220	14,058	9,668	309	153	6,092	55,917	1,641
1906-07	1,378	2,937	4,249	941	1,907	1,835	8,375	250	3,398	1,282	14,328	10,297	309	153	6,439	58,078	1,161
1907-08	1,442	3,055	4,337	967	1,937	1,925	8,855	250	3,517	1,331	14,664	10,482	313	153	6,668	59,896	1,818
1908-09	1,463	3,165	4,424	1,003	1,994	1,967	9,246	250	3,529	1,373	14,986	10,687	320	153	6,885	61,445	1,549
1909-10	1,476	3,202	4,491	1,028	2,020	1,004	9,389	250	3,600	1,381	15,231	10,852	336	153	6,927	62,340	805
1910-11	1,495	3,528	4,543	1,051	2,063	1,039	9,451	250	3,636	1,410	15,535	11,435	343	153	7,055	63,687	1,347
1911-12	1,547	3,325	4,641	1,112	2,105	2,002	9,575	250	3,718	1,450	15,865	11,744	344	153	7,159	65,084	1,397

*—For Key to Classification, see Tables VII. and VIII.

TABLE XI.

BRANCH EVENING READING ROOMS.

Return of Monthly Issues and Attendance.

Month.	Laira.		Salisbury Road		Hyde Park Rd.	
	Issues.	Attendance.	Issues.	Attendance.	Issues.	Attendance.
1911.						
April ..	352	1253	247	1,199	277	1,104
May ..	288	979	213	1,079	225	901
June ..	285	815	185	933	196	817
July ..	304	923	206	1,286	204	1,038
August ..	267	779	166	955	111	756
September	289	919	169	982	166	1,127
October ..	278	884	223	1,237	176	1,009
November ..	240	900	183	918	182	1,013
December ..	261	757	223	1,124	209	1,041
1912.						
January ..	150	660	194	991	155	837
February .	305	780	181	949	139	849
March ..	326	783	257	1,228	142	911
Totals ..	3,345	10,432	2,447	12,881	2,182	11,403

Table showing Progress at Branch Evening Reading Rooms.

Branch.	1910-11.		1911-12.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Issues.	Attendance.	Issues.	Attendance.	Issu's	Attd.	Issu's	Attd.
Laira ..	2,061	10,350	3,345	10,432	1,284	82	..	..
Salisbury Road ..	2,030	13,255	2,447	12,881	417	..	..	374
Hyde Pk. Road ..	2,364	12,034	2,182	11,403	..	..	182	631
Totals ..	6,455	35,639	7,974	34,716	1,519	..	..	923

TABLE XII.

The following is a List of School Libraries with number of Volumes supplied from the Central Library:—

Cattedown Road	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Charles'	Boys	75
,,	Girls	50
Compton	Mixed	100
Grey Coat	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Holy Cross	Boys	100
Holy Trinity	Boys	60
Household of Faith	Girls	50
Hyde Park Road	Boys	150
,, ,, ,,	Girls	150
King Street	Boys	100
Laira Green	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Mount Street	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
North Road	Girls	100
Palace Court	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Prince Rock	Girls	150
Public School, Cobourg Street	Mixed	88
St. Andrew's	Boys	75
,,	Girls	50
St. Boniface	Boys	50
St. Catharine's	Boys	25
,,	Girls	25
St. John's	Boys	120
,,	Girls	120
St. Peter's	Boys	120
,,	Girls	100
Salisbury Road	Boys	100
Sutton Road	Mixed	100
Technical Schools	Boys	76
Treville Street	Boys	100
Union Street	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	120
Wolsdon Street	Girls	100
		3554

School Libraries.

The following regulations are in force for the management of School Libraries:—

(*a*) The Principal Teachers are held responsible for the proper cataloguing, issuing, collecting, and exchanging of the books for their respective departments, but may delegate the work of registration, etc., to an Assistant Teacher, or arrange for the work to be done in rotation by all the Assistants in the School.

(*b*) On the receipt, return, or transfer of books from the Free Library, each book shall be entered on the School Catalogue in the Form determined.

(*c*) A record shall be kept in the "Lending Book" of the names and addresses of the children making use of the Library, and the date and number of each book taken out or returned. Only one work at a time shall be taken by the same child.

(*d*) The whole of the children whose names appear on the Admission Register of the Department, and who are working in or above Standard III. shall be entitled to the benefit of the Library. The Principal Teacher may, however, have the right of withholding books from those who are known to have wilfully or carelessly damaged or injured any of the books taken out of the said Libraries.

(*e*) A specified time in each week, most convenient to each particular School, shall be fixed for the issue and collection of books, which shall apply to all children referred to in Section D, and such times shall be inserted on the labels affixed to the books, and shall be exhibited on a card hung on the walls of the Schoolroom.

(*f*) A list or catalogue of the books in the School, lent by the Library Committee, shall be hung in the School where it can be easily seen and referred to by the children.

(*g*) Each set of books at certain periods shall be returned direct to the Free Library; books worn out or otherwise unfit for circulation being replaced by new copies or other works when deemed desirable. Any School Library may, however, be retained for a further term, if so desired by the Principal Teachers.

(*h*) All books in circulation, with the remaining portion of the School Library not in circulation, shall be collected together at the School for inspection twice in each year, immediately before the Summer and Winter holidays, or at such times as may be fixed by the Librarian.

(*i*) The General Rules of the Free Library Committee shall, as far as applicable, be observed, and the Teachers shall make such periodical returns as the Librarian may require.

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AND EVENING READING ROOMS.

*Presented by Publishers and others. (*e*) Denotes Evening Reading Rooms.

D—*Daily.* **W**—*Weekly.* **F**—*Fortnightly.* **M**—*Monthly.* **Q**—*Quarterly.*

*Abolitionist	M
*Acetylene	M
Agricultural Economist	W
Animal World	M
*Animal's Friend	M
*Animal's Guardian	M
Antiquary	M
Arbitrator	M
Army List	M and Q
*Aspirant (*e*)	W
Athenæum	W
*Auckland Star	W
*Banner of Israel	W
Bazaar, Exchange and Mart	TRI-W
*Belfast News	W
*Bideford Weekly Gazette	W
*Bird Notes	W
Birmingham Daily Post	D
Blackpool Gazette	W
Blackpool Herald	W
*Blackpool Times	W
Blackwood's Magazine	M
*Bladud	W
*Board of Trade Journal	W
*Bodmin Guardian	W
Bookseller	W
*Bournemouth Visitors' Directory	W
Boy's Own Paper	W
*British Columbia	M
British Esperantist	M
British Journal of Photography	M
*British Temperance Advocate	M
British Weekly	W
British Workman (*e*)	M
British Workwoman	M
Broad Arrow	W
Builder	W
Building News (*e*)	W
Building World	W
Canada	W
*Canadian Gazette	W
*Canadian Life	M
*Canadian Mail	W
Captain (*e*)	M
Cassell's Magazine (*e*)	M
Cassell's Saturday Journal (*e*)	W
*Catholic Times	W
Century Magazine	M
Chamber's Journal (*e*)	M
*Charles' Parish Magazine	M
*Christian Life	W
*Christian Science Journal	M
*Christian Science Sentinel	W
Chums (*e*)	W
Church Gazette	M
*Church Intelligencer	M
*Church Quarterly Review	Q
*Church Times	W
*Church Life Record (*e*)	W
Civilian	W
*Clarion	W
Clerk	W
*Clerk of Works Association Journal	M
*Commerce of Liverpool	M
Connoisseur	M
*Conservative and Unionist	M
Contemporary Review	M
Contract Journal	W
Contractors' Record	W
*Co-operative News	W
Cornhill Magazine (*e*)	M
*Cornish and Devon Post	W
*Cornish Guardian	W
Cornish Leader	W
Cornish Post	W
Cornish Times	W
*Cornubian	W
*Correspondent	W
Country Life (*e*)	W
County Gentleman	W
Cycling	W
Daily Chronicle (*e*)	D
Daily Express (*e*)	D
Daily Graphic (*e*)	D
Daily Illustrated Mirror (*e*)	D
Daily Mail (*e*)	D
Daily News and Morning Leader (*e*)	D
Daily Telegraph (*e*)	D

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*Dartmouth Chronicle	W
*Defender	M
*Deliverer	M
*Devon and Exeter Daily Gazette	D
*Devon and Somerset W. News	W
Devonshire Notes and Queries	Q
Dickensian	M
*Domestic Engineering	W
*Drapers' Record	W
*East and the West	Q
Edinburgh Review	Q
*Educational Times	M
Electrical Review	W
Electrician	W
Engineer (*e*)	W
Engineering	W
Engineering Magazine	M
*English Churchman	W
English Illustrated Magazine (*e*)	M
English Mechanic (*e*)	W
English Review	M
Era	W
Exeter Diocesan Gazette	M
Family Friend	M
*Ferro Concrete	
Field	W
Financial News	D
*Fish Trades Gazette	
*Foresters' Miscellany	M
Fortnightly Review	F
*Fra	
*Free Trader	M
*Freeman's Journal	D
*Freeman's Weekly	W
Gardener (*e*)	W
Gardener's Magazine	W
Gentlewoman	W
Globe	D
*Good Templars' Watchword	W
Graphic (*e*)	W
Great Thoughts	W
*Great Western Magazine (*e*)	M
Guardian	W
*Hampstead Advertiser	W
Harper's Magazine	M
Hearth and Home (*e*)	W
Helston Advertiser	W
*Herald of the Cross	M
*Herald of the Golden Age	W
*Herald of Health	M
Hibbert Journal	Q
*Humanitarian	M
Ilfracombe Chronicle	W
Illustrated London News (*e*)	W
Illustrated Western Weekly News (*e*)	W
*India	W
*Individualist	M
*Inquirer	W
*Insurance Agent	M
*Investor's Guardian	W
*Investor's Summary	W
*Jewish Chronicle	W
*Journal of the Board of Agriculture	M
*Journal of British Architects	F
*Journal of Great Britain	M
*Journal of Victoria	M
*Justice (*e*)	W
*Kingsbridge Gazette	W
Knowledge	M
Labour News	W
Lady (*e*)	W
Lady's Field	W
Lady's Pictorial	W
Lady's Realm	M
*Land Union Journal	
*Launceston Weekly News	W
Librarian	M
Library World	M
Lloyd's Weekly	W
*Local Government Chronicle	W
*L.G.O. (Local Government Officer)	W
*Machinery Market	W and M
Madame	W
Manchester Guardian	D
*Mariner	M
*Maritime Review	
*Melbourne Age	W
*Metropolitan (Local Government Journal)	W
*Mid-Devon Advertiser	W
*Mission Field	M
*Month (Catholic Magazine)	M
Morning Post (*e*)	D
*Motor Traction	W
Munsey's Magazine (*e*)	M
*Musical Herald	M
Musical Times	M
*Musician's Monthly Journal	M
Nation (*e*)	W
*Nation in Arms	M
*National Temperance Quarterly	Q
Nature	W
Nautical Magazine	M
Naval and Military Directory	M
Naval and Military Record (*e*)	W
*Navy League Journal	M
Navy List	M and Q
Navy List, Lean's Royal	Q
*New Church Magazine	M
*Newquay Express	W
*New Zealand Farmer	M
Newton Times	W
Nineteenth Century	M
*North Devon Herald	W
*Northern Whig	D
Notes and Queries	W
*Notes on Tariff Reform	M
*Nottingham Daily Express	D
*One and All	M
*Our Own Gazette	M

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*Our Work	M
Outlook (*e*)	W
*Palestine Exploration Statement	Q
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Pall Mall Magazine (*e*)	M
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*Patent Office Index	M
*Patent Office Journal	W
*Patent Office Journal (Australian)	W
Pearson's Magazine (*e*)	M
Pearson's Weekly (*e*)	W
Penny Illustrated Paper (*e*)	W
Penny Magazine (*e*)	W
Penny Pictorial Magazine (*e*)	W
People (*e*)	W
*Philatelic Journal	M
*Phonetic Journal	W
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Plympton Gazette	W
*Poor Law Officer's Journal	W
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*Poultry	W
*Practical Engineer	W
*Present Truth	W
*Printer's Register	M
Public Opinion (*e*)	W
Publisher's Circular	W
Punch (*e*)	W
Quarterly Review	Q
Queen (*e*)	W
*Queensland Government Gazette	M
*Queensland Government Mining Journal	M
Quiver (*e*)	M
Railway Clerk	M
*Railway Review	W
*Register of Deceased Seamen	M
Redruth Advertiser	W
*Reports—Marine Department, Board of Trade	M
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*Royal Cornwall Gazette	W
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*Salcombe Times	W
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*Scotsman	W
Scribner's Magazine	M
*Secretary	W
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Shipping Weekly Summary	W
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*Shorthand Gazette	M
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Spectator	W
Sphere (*e*)	W
*Staffordshire Advertiser	W
*Staffordshire Sentinel	W
Standard (*e*)	D
*State Correspondent	M
Stationery World	M
Strand Magazine (*e*)	M
*Student's Journal	M
Studio	M
Sunday at Home (*e*)	M
*Tasmanian Mail	W
Tatler	W
*Temperance Advocate	W
*Theosophical Path	M
Times	D
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*United Empire	M
*University Correspondent	F
Vancouver Daily Province	D
*Vegetarian Messenger	M
*Vulcan	M
*Weekly Dispatch	W
*Weekly Report	W
*West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser	W
West Cornwall Advertiser	W
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Western Daily Press (Bristol)	D
Western Evening Herald (*e*)	D
*Western Guardian	W
Western Independent (*e*)	W
Western Morning News (*e*)	D
*Western Times	D
Western Weekly Mercury (*e*)	W
Westminster Gazette	D and W
Westminster Review	M
*Weston-super-Mare Gazette	W
Wide World Magazine	M
Windsor Magazine (*e*)	M
Woman at Home (*e*)	M
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COUNTY-BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND NEWSROOMS.

Thirty-sixth Annual Report

of the Library Committee and the Borough Librarian,

(From April 1st, 1912, to March 31st, 1913).

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1912-13.

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MR. W. S. SPEAR.
DR. T. G. VAWDREY.
MR. W. J. VICKERY.
MR. HAROLD WOLFERSTAN.

SUB-COMMITTEES:

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Finance and General Purposes—MESSRS. HILSON, LANG, MUNDAY, SPEAR, VICKERY, WINNICOTT.

LIBRARY STAFF.

Secretary and Borough Librarian:

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Assistants—L. ANNEAR, F. WALDRON.
Attendant, Magazine Room—W. CANN.
Attendant, Devon and Cornwall Library—F. DURHAM.
Caretakers—E. BURLEY, JOSEPH LUCKHAM.
Extra Cleaners—W. NOTT, H. TRAVERS.
Stoker—T. JORDAN.
Attendant, Laira Branch—J. JACKSON.
Attendant, Salisbury Road Branch—THOMAS POTTER.
Attendant, Hyde Park Road Branch—W. WILLCOCKS.

LIBRARY CHRONOLOGY.

1871 Library Acts adopted.

1876 Librarian appointed (March).
Library formally opened (August).

1879 Opening of Reference Library (August).

1884 Re-opening of Library after extension of the building (November).

1885 Annual Meeting of the Library Association at Plymouth (September).

1886 Death of Mr. R. C. Serpell, founder of the Library (October 25th).

1888 Establishment of School Libraries.

1892 Opening of Cattedown Road Branch (February). (Closed August, 1901).

1893 Opening of Union Street Branch (October). (Transferred to Oxford Street 1897). (Closed 1901).

1894 Death of Mr. William Henry Luke, Honorary Treasurer and Deputy Chairman (February 27th).

1896 Re-opening of Library after extensive alterations (January).

1897 Opening of Laira Branch (March).
Opening of Compton Branch (April). Closed May, 1899).
Visit of American Librarians to Plymouth (July).

1898 Opening of Mount Street Branch (February). (Closed May, 1899).

1899 Death of Mr. George R. Barrett, Honorary Treasurer and Deputy-Chairman (August 24th).

1900 Re-opening Mount Street Branch (October). (Closed 1901).

1901 Annual Meeting of the Library Association at Plymouth (August).

1904 Opening of Salisbury Road Branch (March 11th).
Opening of Hyde Park Road Branch (October 7th).

1905 Death of Councillor John Taylor (September).
Resignation of Alderman John Shelly (November).

1906 Mr. Andrew Carnegie's offer accepted (August).

1907 Laying of Foundation Stone, New Library (October).

1910 Official Opening of New Library (October).

1911 Bible Exhibition (February and March).

1912 Exhibition of Rare and Curious Books (July and August).

Population of Plymouth, 1876	about 70,020
,, ,, 1912	112,838
Area of the Borough	acres 2,533
Rateable value of Plymouth, 1871	£166,332
,, ,, 1912	£602,575
Number of Volumes in Library, 1913	67,400
Number of Volumes issued during the Municipal year 1912-13 ...	395,393
Number of Volumes issued in all departments since the opening of Library to the end of March, 1913	10,349,179
Number of Borrowers' Tickets issued 1912-13	2,821
Number of Borrowers enrolled since the opening of the Library ...	99,213
Number of Students' Tickets issued 1912-13	196

REPORT, 1912-13.

To the Members of the Free Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

In presenting this, the thirty-sixth Annual Report of this Library, we would point out that the year which ended March 31st, 1913, was an uneventful one as regards the general work of the institution. Each year, however, marks progress, and brings about new developments.

The Library stock has been considerably augmented, as will be seen by reference to the first of the statistical tables which follow. We have now 67,400 volumes and pamphlets in all departments, as against 65,084 recorded in the last published statement, making a net increase of 2,316. Of this increase a large proportion may be credited to the Reference Library and the Devon and Cornwall Collection, although other departments of the Library have received corresponding increases.

It may be added that the Book Selection Sub-Committee have been most assiduous in making their periodical selections, filling in gaps where they existed, and adding new books as far as the funds available for the purpose would permit.

By Table II. it will be found that during the year 2821 new tickets were issued to borrowers, of which nearly two hundred were students' tickets, the holders of which have special privileges.

In all nearly one hundred thousand borrowers' tickets have been issued since the opening of the Library in 1876. Other tables which follow record the ages, occupations, and distribution of new borrowers and explain themselves.

The issues in the Lending Department, including the School Libraries, amounted to 330,152 volumes, as against 349,214 in the previous year. All libraries are just now experiencing fluctuations, the reasons generally assigned being the multiplication of places of amusement and the counter-attractions which are being provided so lavishly by public caterers in this direction.

In the Reference Library the recorded figures show 65,241 as the number of books consulted, but this by no means represents the actual work done in this department, as thousands of books are consulted of which no record is made, readers having free access to the shelves.

The total for the year is 395,393, as against 413,905 in the previous year, and the grand total for the whole period covered by the work of the Library exceeds ten million volumes.

The School Libraries maintain their popularity, in fact, the demand for books from this department is greater than the supply, several schools being at present unsupplied, and the available stock exhausted.

Nearly four hundred borrowers have taken advantage of the provision to bespeak books by means of the postcard system.

The attendance in the General News Room and the Magazine Room is still very large; and the Evening Reading Rooms in the outlying districts continue to attract great numbers of readers and borrowers.

It is satisfactory to find that the popularity of the Saturday afternoon lectures has been not only maintained, but increased during the past winter, the attendance being larger than in previous years.

On another page will be found a list of the lectures given during the session, with the respective lecturers, numbering forty-four, or a total of 203 since they were inaugurated in 1906.

The experiment of giving evening lectures in addition to those on Saturday afternoons was so far successful that an effort will be made next session to carry out a double course. They certainly met a want, as many business people urged that it was impossible for them to take advantage of the afternoon course.

The thanks of the Committee are due to all those who have assisted from time to time in this educational course, as well as to those who have presided at the various lectures.

To add to the interest and value of these lectures, your Librarian appended to each lecture notice a list of the books in the Library dealing with each particular subject treated, or a list of the works of the particular author under consideration. These lists were much appreciated. Further, it may be added that the books themselves were placed in a position where they might be inspected and selected by the borrowers—an arrangement which has been of great service to the Borrowers.

The use of the Lecture Hall was again granted to the local Education Authority for the delivery of two courses of lectures in connection with the Cambridge University Extension scheme, and they were well attended and highly popular. The lecturer was Mr. E. L. S. Horsburgh, B.A., the first course being "Some Aspects of Shakespeare's Drama"; the second, "Literature of the Eighteenth Century."

Following up the idea of the Bible Exhibition held during the spring of 1911, an interesting and important departure was made during the summer months of last year, the Committee having sanctioned the holding of a Book Exhibition in the Lecture Hall, which proved very attractive. The Exhibition was open from July 29th to August 27th, and during that time was visited by nearly four thousand persons.

A list of the exhibitors, with a brief resumé of the exhibition will be found on another page.

A second exhibition, consisting of local prints and engravings, was also organised by the Librarian. This was open from September 2nd to 14th, and was visited by 2252 persons.

The prints were mostly from the Devon and Cornwall Department of the Library, and from the private collection of the Borough Librarian.

The Library Committee are greatly indebted to those who so liberally supported this movement.

During the year the Librarian reported, at the request of the Committee, on the supply of catalogues. It was found that comparatively few catalogues were sold, and that those in stock were very much out of date. It was decided to cease printing class catalogues for the present, but to keep It was decided to cease printing catalogues for the present, but to keep the MS. catalogues and the indicator catalogue up to date, and to complete the card catalogue of the whole Library. This has now been done; a new cabinet has been provided, which contains a card catalogue of the Reference Library, the Devon and Cornwall Library, and all departments of the Lending Library. This is available for use by readers as well as by the staff.

All the local prints and portraits in the Devon and Cornwall Room have also been catalogued, and the whole collection has been rearranged, classified, and reshelved.

The annual stocktaking or checking of the books in the Lending Library took place in January last, and it was satisfactory to find that less than twenty books, mostly works of fiction were unaccounted for, and several of these were subsequently recovered.

During the past year the Committee have carefully considered the question of staff and staff remuneration, and made several necessary increases, as well as deciding upon a system for the future to avoid constant applications from members of the staff for increase of salary or wages. No changes have occurred in the staff, except amongst the juniors.

Demands have been made upon the Committee this year for the first time for the payment of local rates, as well as for income tax. These demands make a serious inroad upon the resources of the Library.

As has been customary for many years, the Borough Librarian was granted permission to attend the annual meeting of the Library Association in September last, and he presented a detailed report, which is given herewith.

Amongst the many interesting additions made to the Library during the year, mention should be made of the presentation by Mr. Eden Phillpotts of the manuscript of his latest Dartmoor story, "Widecombe Fair," with its accompanying chart of the district covered by the story. The special thanks of the Committee were accorded to Mr. Phillpotts, and the book was ordered to be bound in an appropriate manner. This has been done.

A list of the principal books added to the Library is given, as usual, in the Appendix; also a list of donors who have made presentations, as reported to the Council from month to month. In all cases a letter of acknowledgment has been sent by the Librarian, on behalf of the Committee.

W. L. MUNDAY, *Chairman.*
W. H. K. WRIGHT, *Borough Librarian.*

P.S.—The Committee beg once more to express their appreciation of the loyal and zealous service rendered by the Librarian and his staff.

W. L. MUNDAY, *Chairman.*

To the Members of the Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

The thirty-fifth annual meeting of the Library Association was held at Liverpool during the week commencing 2nd September, 1912, under the presidency of F. J. Leslie, Esq., F.R.G.S., C.C., Chairman of the Library, Museum and Arts Committee.

It was my privilege to again attend as your representative, for which I thank you. I am pleased to report that my colleague at Devonport (Mr. W. D. Rutter) accompanied me for the first time, he having been authorised by his Committee to represent the Devonport Free Public Library at the meeting.

Other West Country Librarians who attended were Mr. H. Tapley Soper (Exeter), Mr. Joseph Jones (Torquay), and Mr. E. R. Norris Mathews (Bristol). One of my old assistants, Mr. C. R. S. Philp, of Camberwell, was also present.

The attendance was unusually large and included a number of delegates from America and Canada.

The President in his opening address, delivered on Tuesday morning, dealt with "The Public Library's Part in the Life of a Modern City." It was an able and exceedingly practical address, dealing with almost every phase of library work, and claiming for the public library a higher place in the educational work of the nation than it occupies to-day. Mr. Leslie's long and honourable connection with the Liverpool Library Committee enabled him to speak with intimate knowledge and critical judgment of the general administrative work of a great library. Unfortunately the address was not printed for distribution, but I hope soon to be able to place copies in your hands, for I am sure it will well repay perusal.

The proceedings at the first morning's sitting took place in the Council Chamber; that at subsequent meetings at the Central Technical Schools.

In lieu of the usual paper on the "Local Libraries," which is generally taken as read, the delegates were presented with copies of a carefully compiled "Handbook, descriptive of the Liverpool Public Libraries," containing much interesting information and many illustrations of the Central Library and its numerous branches. These we were able to visit later.

Facilities were given for members to visit various libraries in the district not connected with the Liverpool Corporation. These were Bebington and Port Sunlight, Birkenhead, Wallasey, Waterloo, and Great Crosby; but as this arrangement fell on the evening of our arrival, very few of us were able to take advantage of it.

As a member of the Council I attended several of the meetings of that body, and took part in the discussions ensuing upon several important proposals emanating from the London members of the Council.

On the morning of Thursday we were favoured with a short but bright address by Miss Saxe, of Montreal, who spoke on behalf of the Canadian visitors, with a friendly message from fellow-librarians in the Dominion.

Several important and warmly-discussed papers were read at this session, one being on the "Library of Congress Classification," by a member of the Library of Congress staff. Another was entitled "The Superstition of the Bound Volume," by Mr. L. Stanley Jast, Chief Librarian of the Croydon Public Libraries. Mr. Jast advocated breaking up volumes of periodicals and classifying the contents, destroying irrelevant matter; but he did not convince his hearers of the advantages to be obtained from his drastic system of book-vivisection.

Another paper taken at this sitting was on "The Printed Literature of the World and the need of an Official Bibliography of English Books," by Mr. W. E. A. Axon, Manchester.

The afternoon of Thursday was spent in visiting various branch libraries in the outlying districts of Liverpool. We were thus able to inspect some of the newest and best-equipped libraries in the country, all of them recently erected and with the most up-to-date fittings and appointments. Several of these buildings were erected at the expense of Dr. Andrew Carnegie.

One could not fail to be struck with the excellent arrangements made for borrowers and readers, and particularly for children, for whom special departments were provided and a special catalogue issued. These children's rooms appeared to be highly popular. We visited one of these branches just as the local schools were dispersing, and it was pleasant to see how the juvenile readers hurried from the school to the library, in one case a class being held under qualified teachers, the children studying books and preparing essays upon subjects selected by themselves.

We were able also to witness the open access system in full work, and I must confess that it affected me more favourably than any I had previously visited.

It is interesting to note that the Walton and Fazakerley Branch was erected from designs by Messrs. Briggs, Wolstenholme, and Thornely, the latter being a brother of our own architect. It cost £8000.

Perhaps in the near future we may be able to provide children's rooms in Plymouth, and adopt the system of safe-guarded open access in our Lending Library.

Social functions were, as usual, not wanting, and the local Committee did their very utmost to make the visit of the Association pleasant and profitable. We were thus enabled to inspect the rich treasures of the Corporation in

The first paper on the list was on "The Library Movement in Holland," by Miss N. Snouck Hurgronje, Librarian, Openbere Bibliotheek, Dordrecht. It was taken as read, consequently we were unable to learn how the libraries of Holland are administered.

Mr. G. T. Shaw, Chief Librarian of the Liverpool Public Libraries, read a bold and trenchant paper on "Open Access: an Experiment," dealing largely upon the adoption of the system in the Liverpool Branch Lending Libraries. This evoked a warm and lengthy discussion, in which the advocates of the respective systems indulged their pet theories pretty freely. Mr. Shaw's position was neutral, as he endeavoured to give the advantages and shortcomings of both systems.

Mr. Henry R. Tedder, of the Athenæum, London, gave a scholarly paper on "The Place of Bibliography in Primary, Secondary, and Higher Education." He contended that the public library should form part of the educational machinery of the country, and that teachers should be called upon to prepare readers competent to enjoy to the fullest extent the facilities offered to them in libraries.

The Librarian of the Patent Office Library, London (Mr. E. W. Hulme), in conjunction with Dr. Charles Kinzbrunner, International Institute of Bibliography, London, gave a paper entitled "Current Serial Digests and Indexes of Pure and Applied Science."

The reader of this paper urged librarians to cater more fully for the wants of the manufacturing class and the research student by supporting the International Institute of Bibliography, and securing their publications for the use of their readers. These views were strongly supported by several prominent librarians.

Mr. W. E. Doubleday (Hampstead), in a paper on "Public Libraries and the Public," defended these libraries against the attacks of hyper-critics, both in the press and on the public platforms; and Mr. Ernest A. Savage, of the Wallasey Public Libraries, followed with a well-considered paper on "The Cost of Education and its effects upon the Library Movement." The reader of the latter paper called attention to the great disproportion between the cost of the public school and the cost of the public library, and urged that the library, if rightly used, was the natural cure for the evil effects of machine-made education.

The proceedings of this, the second morning's session, were brought to a close by some "Talks on American Library Work," by Miss Moore, Superintendent of the Children's Libraries, New York, illustrated by a series of lantern slides.

Wednesday evening was fully occupied with a consideration of the annual report of the Council and the discussion of sundry proposals put forward by the Honorary Secretary—proposals which were not endorsed by the meeting. Reports of various Committees were presented, including a most interesting and important report on the circulation of books for the blind.

that trio of fine buildings adjoining the St. George's Hall, namely, the Library, Museum, and Walker Art Gallery; the Picton Reading Room and the Hornby Collection being thrown open.

We inspected the great Liverpool Cathedral, now in process of erection; we drove in various directions through the crowded streets of this fine city; we boarded one or two of the great ocean liners; and took a hasty glance at the docks with their multifarious contrivances for coping with the extensive commerce of this, one of the greatest cities of the Empire.

Next year's meeting is to be held at Bournemouth, where a fine new Library has been recently erected from a grant made by Mr. Carnegie.

In conclusion, I may say that I found the meeting most useful, and that I was able to consult my colleagues upon several matters affecting the well-being of our own Library, and the hints thus obtained I hope to turn to practical account.

Again thanking you for granting me the facilities for attending the meeting,

Believe me,

Yours respectfully,

W. H. K. WRIGHT, *Borough Librarian.*

BOOK EXHIBITION.

Following up the exhibition of Bibles, held in the spring of 1911, in connection with the Tercentenary of the English Bible of 1611, the Borough Librarian organised a general exhibition of rare and curious books, which was open from July 29th to August 27th, and was visited by 3,987 persons.

It was a remarkable collection, and gave a display of literary wealth in our town and neighbourhood which was an agreeable surprise. The exhibits, with the exception of some fine old and modern bindings, lent by Zaehnsdorf, of London, and some tiny books lent by Mr. Fincham, of London, were all gathered from Plymouth and district.

Quite a number of fine manuscripts were shown, dating from the fourteenth and fifteen centuries. These were mostly from the Plymouth Proprietary Library, in Cornwall Street. There was also a stately "Graduale"—a portly volume on vellum, with the old notation so large that the priests or singers could see it at a great distance from the lectern, and one book would serve for a whole choir. This was the property of Dr. Samuel Weekes, of Plymouth, as was another fine "missal," with beautiful illuminations, lent by the same gentleman. Mr. Henry J. Snell lent a very fine manuscript volume of sermons, 464 pages on vellum of the fourteenth century; and Mr. John Shelly contributed a psalter, dated 1472, and a fine "Plynii," printed in Roman type, dated 1472, from the library of William Morris; also the first edition of Spenser's *Faerie Queen*, 1611, and Sidney's *Arcadia*, 1598, with other rare and precious volumes. Early printed books were numerous, and in most cases in fine condition. A work, the property of the Free Library, Summa S. Anton, printed at Venice in 1474, was a very fine specimen of early black-letter printing. Other fifteenth century books exhibited were: *Albertus Magnus*, 1495; *Corpus Tunis Canonicus*, 1498; *Ortus Sanitat*, 1491; *Horace*, 1493; *Sermons of St. Bernard*, 1478; *Psalterium*, 1472; *Theorica Planetarum*, 1478; and others.

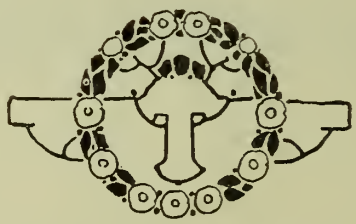
Sixteenth century books were, of course, more numerous, some sixty examples being shown. These included Robinson's translation of More's *Utopia*, 1556; *Matthioli Serenis Medeci*, 1570; Foxe's *Book of Martyrs*, 1597; Thucydides' *Pelopenesian War*, 1513; *Luther on the Psalms*, 1559; *Satires of Juvenal*, 1585; *Sallust*, 1552; *Cicero*, 1552; *Habili Antichi*, 1598; *Tertullian*, 1562; *Virgil*, 1596; *Works of Peter Martyr*, 1583; *Petrarch's Poems*, 1582; *Xenophon*, 1596; *Latimer's Sermons*, 1584; *Leigh's Heraldry*, 1576; *Melanethone*, 1519; *Chaldean Dictionary*, 1527; and others.

Seventeenth century books numbered at least one hundred and fifty, the chief of which were a first folio of Shakespeare, 1623, lent by the Plymouth Proprietary Library; Beaumont and Fletcher's Plays and Poems, first folio, 1647, belonging to the Plymouth Free Library; Ralegh's *History of the World*, 1614; Selden's *Titles of Honor*, 1631; Camden's *Britannia*, 1610; *Eikon Basilike*, 1648; *Guillim's Heraldry*, 1632; *Works of Chaucer*, 1602;

Spenser's *Fairy Queen*, 1611; *Crux Triumphans*, 1617; etc., etc. These are but a few of the many valuable and interesting works exhibited. To give a complete catalogue would occupy too much space in this report.

In addition to these old and rare books, there were numerous interesting local items: books relating to Drake and Ralegh, early newspapers, guide books, and handbooks, withdrawn from the Devon and Cornwall collection; also the manuscript copy of Baring Gould's *Songs of the West*; a manuscript Armorial of the Seventeenth Century; old and curious musical works; rare bindings, tracts and pamphlets, and a host of other things too numerous to mention.

The following is a list of the exhibitors:—Rev. W. T. Adey (Kingsbridge), Mr. T. Canning Baily (Plymouth), Mr. E. A. Baker (Plymouth), Rev. Benwell Bird (Plymouth), Mr. C. W. Bracken (Plymouth), Mr. W. J. Butland (Plymouth), Mr. W. E. Baines (Plymouth), Mr. John Carkeet (Plymouth), Mr. J. Davies (Plymouth), Devonport Free Public Library (per Mr. W. D. Rutter, Librarian), Mr. H. M. Evans (St. Budeaux), Mr. T. Evans (Plymouth), Mr. H. W. Fincham (London), Mr. Will Foster, (Plymouth), Mr. J. T. Fouracre (Plymouth), Mr. J. Goldston (Plymouth), Mr. Freeman W. Hunt (Plymouth), Mr. E. Allinson James (Plymouth), Mr. G. W. Michell (Devonport), Alderman W. L. Munday (Plymouth), Mr. S. B. McCallum (Plymouth), Mr. E. Pillar (Plymouth), Plymouth Institution (per Mr. C. W. Bracken), Plymouth Proprietary Library (per Mr. H. Scott Tucker), Plymouth Free Public Library, Plymouth Museum and Art Gallery (per Mr. T. V. Hodgson, Curator), Mr. J. Pengelly (Plymouth), Mr. John Shelly (Plymouth), Mr. Frederick Sleep (Plymouth), Mr. Henry J. Snell (Plymouth), Mr. R. Turner (Plymouth), Mr. Sydney Smith (Plymouth), Mr. Reginald Waddy (Plymouth), Mr. W. Cecil Wade (Plymouth), Dr. W. H. Waterfield (Stonehouse), Dr. Samuel Weekes (Plymouth), Mr. W. H. K. Wright (Plymouth), Mr. J. W. Zachnsdorf (London).



LECTURES (Seventh Course,)

During Session 1912-13.

The following lectures were delivered, mostly on Saturday afternoons, from September 28th, 1912, to April 29th, 1913. An evening series was also started in December last and continued to the end of the session. This list is in continuation of those given in previous reports.

160. September 28th, 1912, the Borough Librarian; subject, "Drake in History, the Drama, Song, and Story." Chairman, the Mayor (Alderman Henry Hurrell, J.P.).

161. October 5th, 1912, Mr. John Hitchings; subject, "Dickens' *Bleak House,* with illustrative Readings." Chairman, Mr. R. Rugg Monk, J.P.

162. October 12th, 1912, Rev. Walter H. Burgess; subject, "The Story of the Pilgrim Fathers." Chairman, Dr. T. G. Vawdrey.

163. October 19th, 1912, Mr. C. W. Bracken, B.A., F.E.S.; subject, Breton Invasions of Plymouth." Chairman, Mr. George H. Lang.

164. October 26th, 1912, Mr. R. E. Pengelly; subject, "Realism *versus* Romanticism." Chairman, Mr. H. Penrose Prance.

165. November 2nd, 1912, Rev. Charles Joseph; subject, "J. M. Barrie and *A Window in Thrums.* Chairman, Councillor Isaac Foot.

166. November 9th, 1912, Mr. George J. Michell, B.A.; subject, "Lord Chesterfield: Wit, Statesman, Educationalist." Chairman, Mr. George P. Dymond, M.A.

167. November 16th, 1912, Rev. H. J. Chaytor, M.A.; subject, "Rousseau and the Social Contract." Chairman, The Mayor (Mr. J. W. S. Godding, J.P.).

168. November 23rd, 1912, Rev. R. H. Kipling; subject, "The Literary Associations of the Lake District." Chairman, Mr. W. Hornbrook, J.P.

169. November 30th, 1912. Alderman W. L. Munday; subject, "Charles Reade's *Cloister and the Hearth.* Chairman, Rev. Preb. S. Gordon Ponsonby, M.A.

170. December 7th, 1912, Mr. George W. Wherry; subject, "Lord Macaulay." Chairman, Councillor W. Brockman, R.N.

171. December 14th, 1912, Mr. W. G. Hole (of Newton Abbot); subject, "John Milton and *Paradise Lost.*" Chairman, Mr. R. A. J. Walling.

172. December 21st, 1912, Very Rev. M. J. Burns, D.D.; subject, "Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress.*" Chairman, Alderman W. L. Munday.

*173. December 21st, 1912, the Borough Librarian; "Recital of Dickens' *Christmas Carol.*" Chairman, Dr. W. H. Waterfield.

174. December 28th, 1912, Mr. A. Collier James; subject, "Chaldea: a Glimpse of a Lost Civilization." Chairman, Rev. J. H. Crickmer.

*175. December 30th, 1912, the Borough Librarian; subject, "Plymouth One Hundred Years Ago." Chairman, Alderman W. L. Munday.

176. January 4th, 1913, Mr. J. Elliot Square, F.R.C.S.; subject, "Charles Stuart Calverley: his Life and Poems," with recitations. Chairman, Rev. F. W. Newman.

177. January 11th, 1913, Rev. J. T. Trelawny-Ross, D.D.; subject, "Origin of the Drama in England." Chairman, Mr. T. Canning Baily.

*178. January 13th, 1913, the Borough Librarian; subject, "Some Old Plymouth Customs and Time-honoured Observances." Chairman, Mr. Frederick Sleep, L.D.S.

179. January 18th, 1913, the Borough Librarian; subject, "West Country Writers, No. 4." Chairman, Alderman J. F. Winnicott, J.P.

180. January 25th, 1913, Mr. J. H. Lucas; subject, "Famous Popular English Songs of the Past and their Authors," with musical illustrations. Chairman, Major James Rendle, V.D.

181. February 1st, 1913, Rev. Frank Coleby, B.A. (Vicar of Constantine, Cornwall); subject, "Some Old Bibles, dealing with 'The Book of the Dead,' 'The Iliad,' and 'The Æneid,' and their ethical value in Egypt, Greece, and Rome." Chairman, Rev. J. T. Trelawny-Ross, D.D.

182. February 8th, 1913, Mr. R. Tribich; subject, "Israel Zangwill: Poet, Novelist, Philosopher, Zionist." Chairman, Mr. T. P. Treglohan, C.C.

*183. February 13th, 1913, the Borough Librarian; subject, "The Ministry of Books." Chairman, Mr. Frank Underhill.

184. February 15th, 1913, Rev. W. T. Adey (of Kingsbridge); subject, "Izaak Walton and the *Complete Angler.*" Chairman, Mr. C. W. Bracken, B.A., F.E.S.

*185. February 20th, 1913, Mr. George W. Wherry; subject, "Romances and Legends of the West of England." Chairman, Mr. J. R. Lake.

186. February 22nd, 1913, the Borough Librarian; subject, "West Country Writers, No. 5." Chairman, Mr. F. E. Sach.

*187. February 27th, 1913, the Borough Librarian; subject, "Eden Phillpotts, Poet and Novelist," with illustrative readings. Chairman, Mr. John Hitchings.

188. March 1st, 1913, Rev. F. W. Newman; subject, "Maurice Maeterlinck, the Author of the *Life of the Bee,* with other works." Chairman, Alderman W. L. Munday.

*189. March 6th, 1913, the Borough Librarian; subject, "Drake, in History, Song, and Story," with dramatic readings. Chairman, Mr. George H. Lang.

190. March 8th, 1910, Mrs. Hona de Györy Ginever (of Hungary); subject, "The History and Poetry of the Hungarians." Chairman, Rev. Preb. S. Gordon Ponsonby, M.A.

*191. March 13th, 1913, Mr. J. H. Lucas; subject, "Famous Popular English Songs," with musical illustrations. Chairman, Mr. Reginald Waddy, F.R.C.O.

192. March 15th, 1913, Rev. Thomas Flavell (Vicar of Christow, Devon); subject, "An Hour with Robert Browning." Chairman, Mr. George Hawken.

*193. March 20th, 1913, the Borough Librarian; subject, "Sir Walter Ralegh, a Famous Devon Worthy." Chairman, Mr. George J. Michell, B.A.

194. March 22nd, 1913, Mr. John Hitchings; subject, "Rare Ben Jonson." Chairman, Dr. T. G. Vawdrey.

195. March 29th, 1913, Miss Raymond; subject, "William Butler Yeats, the Irish Poet." Chairman, Councillor Isaac Foot.

*196. April 1st, 1913, the Borough Librarian; subject, "Madrigals and Madrigal Writers," with vocal illustrations conducted by Mr. Reginald Waddy, F.R.C.O. Chairman, Mr. Arthur C. Faull.

197. April 5th, 1913, Mr. J. J. Alexander, M.A., J.P.; subject, "Francis Drake and his Heirs." Chairman, The Mayor (Mr. J. W. S. Godding, J.P.).

*198. April 8th, 1913, the Borough Librarian; subject, "The Sea-lore of Shakespeare." President, Mrs. John Skelton.

199. April 12th, 1913, Mr. J. Newton Hearn; subject, "Victor Hugo: the Man, the Patriot, and the Poet." Chairman, Councillor H. Scott Tucker.

200. April 19th, 1913, Councillor Isaac Foot; subject, "The Peasants of Thomas Hardy." Chairman, Councillor J. Hayne-Pillar.

*201. April 22nd, 1913, the Borough Librarian; subject, "Charles Kingsley: Poet, Novelist, Cleric, and Social Reformer." Chairman, Dr. J. Elliot Square.

202. April 26th, 1913, Mr. Reginald Waddy, F.R.C.O.; subject, "May-day Music, Dances, and Customs," with literary references and musical illustrations. Chairman, Rev. Walter H. Burgess, B.A.

*203. April 29th, 1913, Members of the Dickens Fellowship; "Readings and Recitals from Dickens." Chairman Mr. W. Hornbrook, J.P.

* These were Evening Lectures.

TABLE I.

ADDITIONS MADE TO THE LIBRARY.

Class Letter.	Works as Classified.	No of Volumes.		
		1912.	1913.	Increase 1913
A	Theology, Religion, and Philosophy ...	1547	1587	40
B	Biography and Correspondence	3325	3430	105
C	History, Voyages, and Travels	4641	4735	94
D	Education, Political Economy, &c. ...	1112	1157	45
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History ...	2105	2134	29
F	Poetry, Classics, and the Drama ...	2092	2155	63
G	Prose Fiction	9575	9826	251
H	Miscellaneous Works	250	250	...
I	Magazines and Reviews	3718	3793	75
M	Music	344	351	7
R	Books for the Blind	153	153	..
J, S	Juvenile Books, including School Libraries	8609	9160	551
K	Reference Works (Reference Library) ...	15865	16122	257
L	Devon and Cornwall Library	11748	12547	799
	TOTALS ...	65084	67400	2316

TABLE II.

REGISTER OF BORROWERS.

Borrowers' Tickets issued previously, as per Thirty-five published Reports	96,392
Borrowers' Tickets issued since the publication of the last Report ...	2,428
Students' Tickets	196
Laira Branch	76
Salisbury Road Branch	31
Hyde Park Road Branch	90
	99,213

TABLE III.

Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year, with reasons assigned.

Borrowers left the town	35
,, deceased	8
,, withdrawn	16
Guarantor withdrawn	5
Cancelled (unclaimed)	42
	106

TABLE IV.

Ages of Borrowers enrolled during the twelve months ending March 31st, 1913.

Under 15 years			415
From 15 to 20 years			543
,, 20 to 25 ,,			398
,, 25 to 30 ,,			369
,, 30 to 40 ,,			195
,, 40 to 50 ,,			130
,, 50 to 60 ,,			73
Ages not recorded:	Burgesses	421	
,,	Non-Burgesses	277	
			698
			2821

TABLE V.

Residential Distribution of Borrowers.

	Burgess.	Non-Burgess.	Total.
Vintry Ward	21	30	51
St. Andrew's Ward	47	105	152
Hoe Ward	48	102	150
Millbay Ward	26	99	125
St. Peter's Ward	43	115	158
Frankfort Ward	42	139	181
Drake's Ward	75	182	257
Charles' Ward	81	194	275
Greenbank Ward	66	151	217
Mutley Ward	92	174	266
Compton Ward	74	135	209
Laira Ward	82	202	284
Friary Ward	45	89	134
Sutton Ward	49	91	140
Non-Residents	—	25	25
Borrowers at Laira Branch	21	55	76
,, Salisbury Road Branch	12	19	31
,, Hyde Park Road Branch	31	59	90
	855	1966	2821

TABLE VI.

Occupation of Borrowers, 1912-13.

Classification.	*No.*
Accountants, Clerks, &c.	232
Agents and Managers	51
Apprentices	64
Architects	4
Assistants, Shop	210
Bakers and Confectioners	26
Boot and Shoe Makers	14
Builders and Contractors	8
Butchers, &c.	12
Cabinet Makers, Carpenters, and Joiners	36
Chauffeurs	2
Chemists, Druggists, &c.	22
Civil Service Officials	38
Clergy and Ministers	12
Commercial Travellers	28
Customs and Board of Trade Officials	16
Dairymen, Gardeners, &c.	12
Dentists	4
Domestic Servants	38
Drapers	26
Draughtsmen	8
Electricians	32
Engineers and Engine Fitters	38
Engravers and Lithographers	4
Errand Boys, Office Boys, and Messengers	35
Foremen	10
Grocers and Tea Dealers	24
Hair Dressers	12
Housekeepers	8
Inspectors	5
Ironmongers	10
Journalists, Reporters, &c.	15
Labourers and Porters	24
Laundresses	10
Machinists	15
Married Women (so specified)	141
Masons and Plasterers	8
Merchants and Manufacturers	10
Milliners and Dressmakers	48
Musicians, Tuners, &c.	12
Nurses	24
Officers, Army and Navy	36
Painters and Decorators	29
Pensioners	62
Photographers	7
Plumbers and Gasfitters	24
Printers and Compositors	31
Railway Officials	19
School Children and Students	581
School Masters, Mistresses, and Teachers	99
Shipwrights	36
Shopkeepers	15
Smiths, Stokers, &c.	11
Solicitors	5
Spinsters (so specified)	42
Superintendents	8
Surveyors	8
Tailors and Outfitters, &c.	31
Tobacconists	9
Typists	25
Upholsterers	11
Waiters and Waitresses	16
Warehousemen	28
Watchmakers, Jewellers, &c.	10
Widows (so specified)	32
Occupations not recorded, or persons having no settled occupation	298
Total	2821

TABLE VII.

Return of Issues in the Central and Branch Lending Departments, from April 1st, 1912 to March 31st, 1913, with Monthly Totals and Averages.

MONTH.	Days open.	A—Theology and Philosophy.	B—Biography and Correspondence.	C—History, Vogages and Travels.	D—Political Econ. and Education.	E—Art, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Classics, and Drama.	G—Prose Fiction	I—Magazines and Reviews.	J—Juvenile Works.	L—Local Works.	M—Musical Works.	R—Books for Blind.	S & T—Schools and Evening Branches.	TOTALS.	Daily Average.
1912.																
April ..	24	202	328	451	162	544	689	7,841	601	1,590	894	188	*153 Volumes on loan at the Blind Institution	14,462	*153 27,952	1,149
May ..	26	306	394	501	149	482	598	7,982	721	1,641	912	201		14,854	28,741	1,105
June ..	25	298	354	486	132	468	621	7,898	592	1,554	916	210		14,787	28,316	1,132
July ..	27	351	506	649	192	681	750	8,103	791	1,692	967	251		14,679	29,612	1,096
August ..	26	325	362	498	141	501	682	7,921	589	1,571	882	223		14,789	28,484	1,095
September	24	214	316	442	151	558	662	7,810	512	1,481	791	186		13,872	26,995	1,124
October ..	27	362	529	681	180	664	723	8,016	816	1,624	991	286		14,619	29,491	1,092
November	26	299	382	498	136	490	562	7,851	689	1,581	846	104		14,642	28,140	1,082
December	24	198	332	448	171	522	649	7,812	591	1,498	752	198		13,890	27,061	1,127
1913.																
January ..	17	150	284	396	111	384	412	5,916	481	816	649	96		10,929	20,624	1,213
February ..	24	204	341	429	146	524	598	7,825	532	1,468	786	201		13,927	26,981	1,124
March ..	24	246	401	521	196	584	652	7,912	591	1,584	868	222		13,825	27,602	1,150
Totals ..	294	3,155	4,529	6,000	1,867	6,402	7,598	92,887	7,506	18,100	10254	2,426	153	169,275	330,152	1,122

TABLE VIII.

Works consulted in the Reference Department (including Devon and Cornwall Books), from April 1st, 1912, to March 31st, 1913, inclusive.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Biblical and Religious Works.	B—Biographical Works.	C—General History, Travels, &c.	D—Dictionaries, Encyclopædias, and other comprehensive Works.	E—Arts, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Drama, and the Classics.	G—Fiction and General Literature.	H—Heraldic and Genealogical Works.	I—Magazines, Reviews, and Newspapers.	J—General Topographical Works.	L—Works relating to Devon and Cornwall.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1912.														
April ..	24	242	291	315	906	312	710	18	322	955	411	621	5,103	212
May ..	26	301	342	416	992	284	606	25	424	921	442	628	5,471	210
June ..	25	298	272	412	1,061	321	612	35	402	910	420	582	5,325	213
July ..	27	286	380	398	962	451	582	41	366	1,005	391	702	5,564	206
August ..	26	326	351	402	976	311	554	28	432	991	452	611	5,434	200
September	24	281	302	343	934	298	604	31	334	972	428	591	5,208	217
October ..	27	356	428	516	972	341	632	45	465	919	451	684	5,809	215
November	26	291	375	394	966	455	578	46	361	1,010	389	609	5,564	214
December	24	251	298	401	878	316	602	24	412	912	502	603	5,190	216
1913.														
January ..	27	335	462	498	930	351	655	39	510	989	446	692	5,914	219
February	24	291	334	402	981	246	618	42	442	1,061	411	683	5,511	225
March ..	24	302	282	330	940	352	660	28	294	985	431	586	5,139	214
Totals—	304	3507	4117	4827	11,498	4,038	7,593	402	4,773	11,630	5,174	7,082	65,241	214

Statement of the work of the Library in all Departments comprised in the thirty-six published Reports.

Year.	Days Open.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	R	S & T	TOTALS	Daily Average.
1876-90	3778	16,632	47,866	116,570	8,688	46,174	29,684	922,765	29,903	146,723	352,802	315,167	52,363	..	..	..	2,085,250	551
1890 91	286	777	2,474	6,974	358	2,207	1,095	64,813	2,038	9.362	104,404	32,133	5,217	..	..	..	231,852	810
1891-92	290	815	2,489	6,579	482	2,339	1,352	59,889	1,204	8,783	88,819	43,252	3 835	..	..	11,350	231,188	797
1892-93	285	711	2,010	4,615	590	2,275	1,032	56,457	859	8,909	12,977	49,151	393	..	..	112,365	252,344	885
1893 94	288	963	1,818	4,920	798	2,384	1,013	57,629	1,071	7,997	15,065	52,414	847	..	..	154,500	301,419	1,046
1894-95	285	1,073	2,022	4.381	819	2,138	758	54,932	987	6,081	14,564	58,366	1,811	..	..	144,667	292,599	1,026
1895-96	112	467	958	2,340	189	1,175	478	25,545	434	2,957	7,224	21,224	1.235	..	..	128,705	192,931	1,722
1896-97	284 302	990	3,279	7,527	541	4,022	1,665	76,032	1,090	7,562	17,145	65,304	4,466	..	302	135,436	325,361	915 L.D. 216 R.D.
1897-98	299 300	1,437	5,009	7,600	618	4,814	1,303	81,401	955	6,904	11,990	66,306	4,437	..	459	184,319	377,552	1040 L.D. 221 R.D.
1898-99	294 300	1,084	4,005	6,707	649	4,707	2,193	66,394	499	5.550	7,977	62,901	4,982	561	256	210,346	378,811	1074 L.D. 209 R.D.
1899-00	292	926	3,276	6,082	522	3,270	1,229	56,686	203	5,987	8,541	55.936	3.347	674	226	199,366	346,271	994 L.D. 191 R.D.
1900-01	297	1,006	2,939	6,066	583	3,125	1,265	62,228	134	6,607	8,920	62,128	4,126	1,025	135	219,553	379,840	1069 L.D. 209 R.D.
1901-02	293	1,191	3,418	5,287	769	4,597	1.367	63,493	14	6,925	6,743	65,121	4,217	1,182	72	200,488	364.884	1023 L.D. 222 R.D.
1902-03	295 297	2,033	5,346	7,489	1,766	6,935	3,180	72,016	..	8,079	7,474	70,609	5,732	1,614	153	195,658	388,084	1076 L.D. 237 R.D.
1903-04	294 296	2,259	5,251	7,358	1,580	7,110	3.660	86,148	..	9,025	11,485	70,864	6,954	2,087	153	186.380	400,314	1120 L.D 239 R.D.
1904-05	295 301	2,583	5,922	8,256	2,800	8,160	4,453	100,821	..	10,352	19,420	72,281	9,319	2,371	153	169,755	416,646	1167 L.D 240 R.D.
1905 06	298 303	3,098	5,942	8,183	3,372	8,420	4,697	100,501	..	10,221	19.961	73,087	9.170	2.197	153	198,546	447,548	1256 L.D 241 R.D.
1906-07	294 301	2,797	5,086	7,017	2,845	7,395	3.938	96,930	..	9.839	20,392	74,347	8,129	1,873	153	200,285	441,026	1247 L.D 247 R.D.
1907-08	299 309	3,426	5,804	7,381	3,195	7,716	4,738	102,543	..	9.778	22,246	76,770	8,801	2 507	153	199,492	454,550	1263 L.D. 248 R.D.
1908-09	293 307	3,181	5,809	7,065	2,966	7,200	4.803	105,306	..	10,012	21,560	76,357	9,056	2,147	153	192,445	448,060	1268 L.D. 248 R.D.
1909-10	294 300	2,888	5,213	6.078	2,718	6,058	4,424	107,443	..	8,112	18,097	74,121	8,065	1,977	153	182,694	428,041	1203 L D. 247 R.D.
1910-11	221 222	3,954	5,586	6,819	2,327	5,710	6,488	85,536	..	76,81	15,098	64,080	7,428	1,804	153	142,646	355,310	1317 L.D 288 R.D.
1911-12	299 300	3 977	5,642	7,467	2.403	6,550	7,421	94.980	..	6,705	18,964	64,691	8,439	2,286	153	184,227	413.905	1167 L.D 215 R.D.
1912-13	294 304	3,155	4,529	6,000	1,867	6,402	7,598	92,887	..	7,506	18,100	65,241	10,254	2,426	153	169,275	395,393	1122 L.D. 214 R.D.
Totals ..		61,400	141,693	264,759	43,455	160,883	99,834	2,693,288	39,391	327,657	849,968	1,731,851	182,263	26,731	3,133	3.722.498	10,349.179	

TABLE X.*

Showing the Accessions in all Departments of the Library from year to year since the opening in August, 1876, and the present state of the Library Stock.

Year.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	R	S	Totals.	Yearly Increase.
1876-77	326	744	1,637	145	487	469	2.373	431	759	473	666	368	..	..	..	7.908	..
1878..	404	863	1,854	205	595	513	2,686	597	1,116	513	975	583	..	..	..	9,906	1,998
1879..	451	917	1,290	229	661	608	2,795	613	1.227	668	1,426	746	..	..	..	11,261	1.355
1880..	478	967	1,944	256	698	628	2,031	639	1.270	769	1,970	1,091	..	..	..	12,721	1,460
1881..	509	1,024	2,061	289	730	690	2,265	633	1,380	876	2,155	1.397	..	..	..	14.009	1,288
1882..	580	1,086	2,147	311	825	720	2,375	649	1.557	984	2,629	1,666	..	..	..	15.519	1,510
1883..	625	1,109	2,163	324	849	754	2.457	645	1,614	1,047	3.345	2.110	..	..	..	17.042	1,523
1884..	629	1,129	2,220	353	898	782	2,636	650	1,670	1,069	5,200	2,290	..	..	..	19.506	2,464
1885..	656	1,162	2,254	380	959	828	2,811	661	1,754	1,118	5,670	2,655	..	..	..	20.908	1.402
1886..	689	1,282	2,390	424	1,029	848	3,218	741	1,844	1,284	6,480	2.743	..	..	..	22.972	2.064
1887..	708	1,354	2,514	459	1,115	878	3.418	805	1,908	1.734	6,750	2.958	..	..	..	24.602	1,630
1888-89	751	1,433	2,624	479	1,182	918	3,649	892	2,116	2.480	7,045	3.275	..	..	..	26,833	2,231
1889-90	758	1,502	2,688	494	1.210	959	4,049	918	2,159	2,787	7,559	3.895	..	..	..	28.970	2,137
1890-91	794	1,561	2,820	523	1,256	990	4 304	957	2,232	2,934	8,040	4.320	..	..	..	30.732	1.761
1891-92	816	1,618	2,894	601	1,303	1,008	4.582	970	2,314	2.997	8.385	5.464	..	..	..	33.533	2.802
1892-93	867	2,678	2,955	625	1.354	1,075	4 749	981	2.442	3,892	8.630	6.003	..	..	110	35.361	1,828
1893-94	892	1,731	3,037	637	1,406	1,102	5,035	983	2,506	4,290	9,592	6,350	..	..	238	37.799	2,438
1894-95	935	1,777	3,076	657	1,443	1,118	5,203	989	2,588	936	10,063	6,897	..	..	3.074	38.960	1,161
1895-96	947	1,802	3,118	662	1,471	1,144	5,377	990	2.680	967	10,411	7,356	..	..	3.236	40.161	1,201
1896-97	959	1.945	3,205	670	1,567	1,226	5,671	992	2,737	980	10,701	7.789	..	138	3.496	42.076	1.015
1897-98	978	2,291	3,276	688	1,594	1,273	5.937	999	2,856	999	11,087	8.021	..	155	3.837	44.091	2,015
1898-99	985	2,361	3.336	745	1,624	1,316	6,110	699	2,270	1,034	11 461	8,282	81	170	4,004	45.278	1.187
1899-00	1,024	2,438	3,464	758	1,660	1,458	6,154	365	3.906	1,041	11.799	8,373	108	181	4,268	46.197	919
1900-01	1,051	2,513	3,677	773	1,686	1,533	6,323	250	3 088	1,042	12.296	8,709	119	190	4 222	47.572	1,375
1901-02	1,073	2,539	3.733	789	1,698	1,594	6,521	250	3,146	1,057	12,694	9,022	119	190	4,380	48,905	1,333
1902-03	1,286	2,615	3,841	814	1,736	1,688	6,796	250	3,184	1,070	13,023	9,215	187	153	4,676	50.534	1,629
1903-04	1,302	2.694	3,940	827	1.780	1.723	7,130	250	3,261	1,150	13,387	9,367	188	153	5,385	52,537	2,003
1904-05	1,325	2,764	4,038	877	1,812	1.768	7.525	250	3,319	1,183	13,757	9.526	178	153	5,701	54,276	1.739
1905-06	1,363	2,844	4,116	998	1.853	1,791	7,896	250	3.386	1,220	14,058	9,668	309	153	6,092	55.917	1,641
1906-07	1,378	2,937	4,249	941	1,907	1.835	8,375	250	3.398	1,282	14,328	10,297	309	153	6,430	58.078	1,161
1907-08	1,442	3,055	4,337	967	1,937	1.925	8,855	250	3.517	1.331	14,664	10,482	313	153	6,668	59.896	1,818
1908-09	1,463	3,165	4,424	1,003	1,994	1,967	9.246	250	3,529	1,373	14.986	10,687	320	153	6.885	61,445	1 549
1909-10	1,476	3,202	4,491	1,028	2,020	1,004	9.389	250	3,600	1,381	15,231	10,852	336	153	6.927	62,340	895
1910-11	1,495	3,528	4.543	1,051	2,063	1.039	9,451	250	3.636	1.410	15,535	11.435	343	153	7.055	63,687	1.347
1911-12	1,547	3,325	4.641	1,112	2,105	2,092	9,575	250	3,718	1,450	15,865	11.744	344	153	7,159	65.084	1,397
1912-13	1,587	3.430	4,735	1,157	2,134	2,155	9,826	250	3,703	1,501	16,122	12,547	351	153	7,650	67,100	2,316

*—For Key to Classification, see Tables VII. and VIII.

TABLE XI.

BRANCH EVENING READING ROOMS.

Return of Monthly Issues and Attendance.

Month.	Laira.		Salisbury Road		Hyde Park Rd.	
	Issues.	Attendance.	Issues.	Attendance.	Issues.	Attendance.
1912.						
April ..	339	674	188	925	158	890
May ..	281	681	195	1,011	176	925
June ..	363	834	239	1,188	227	1,037
July ..	273	591	189	1,005	166	874
August ..	298	670	256	1,205	181	1,140
September	305	666	198	1,010	143	943
October ..	317	681	197	957	67	876
November ..	406	801	255	1,242	249	1,175
December ..	335	610	190	921	209	888
1913.						
January ..	326	645	115	1,014	256	1,096
February ..	310	636	186	995	237	938
March ..	427	795	217	1,196	323	1,116
Totals ..	3,980	8,284	2,425	12,669	2,392	11,898

Table showing Progress at Branch Evening Reading Rooms.

Branch.	1911-12.		1912-13.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Issues.	Attendance.	Issues.	Attendance.	Issu's	Attd.	Issu's	Attd.
Laira ..	3,345	10,432	3,980	8,284	635	..	..	2,148
Salisbury Road ..	2,447	12,881	2,425	12,669	..	..	22	112
Hyde Pk. Road ..	2,182	11,403	2,392	11,898	210	495	..	..
Totals ..	7,974	34,716	8,797	32,851	823	..	..	1,865

TABLE XII.

The following is a List of School Libraries with number of Volumes supplied from the Central Library :—

Cattedown Road	Boys	100
,, ,,	Boys	100
Charles'	Girls	75
,,	Girls	50
Compton	Mixed	100
Grey Coat	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Holy Cross	Boys	100
Holy Trinity	Boys	60
Household of Faith	Girls	50
Hyde Park Road	Boys	150
,, ,, ,,	Girls	150
King Street	Boys	100
Laira Green	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Mount Street	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
North Road	Girls	100
Palace Court	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Prince Rock	Girls	150
Public School, Cobourg Street	Mixed	88
St. Andrew's	Boys	75
,,	Girls	50
St. Boniface	Boys	50
St. Catharine's	Boys	22
,,	Girls	22
St. John's	Boys	120
,,	Girls	120
St. Peter's	Boys	120
,,	Girls	100
Salisbury Road	Boys	100
Sutton Road	Mixed	100
Technical Schools	Boys	76
Treville Street	Boys	100
Union Street	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	120
Wolsdon Street	Girls	100
		3554

School Libraries.

The following regulations are in force for the management of School Libraries:—

(*a*) The Principal Teachers are held responsible for the proper cataloguing, issuing, collecting, and exchanging of the books for their respective departments, but may delegate the work of registration, etc., to an Assistant Teacher. or arrange for the work to be done in rotation by all the Assistants in the School.

(*b*) On the receipt, return, or transfer of books from the Free Library, each book shall be entered on the School Catalogue in the Form determined.

(*c*) A record shall be kept in the "Lending Book" of the names and addresses of the children making use of the Library, and the date and number of each book taken out or returned. Only one work at a time shall be taken by the same child.

(*d*) The whole of the children whose names appear on the Admission Register of the Department, and who are working in or above Standard III. shall be entitled to the benefit of the Library. The Principal Teacher may, however, have the right of withholding books from those who are known to have wilfully or carelessly damaged or injured any of the books taken out of the said Libraries.

(*e*) A specified time in each week, most convenient to each particular School, shall be fixed for the issue and collection of books, which shall apply to all children referred to in Section D, and such times shall be inserted on the labels affixed to the books, and shall be exhibited on a card hung on the walls of the Schoolroom.

(*f*) A list or catalogue of the books in the School, lent by the Library Committee, shall be hung in the School where it can be easily seen and referred to by the children.

(*g*) Each set of books at certain periods shall be returned direct to the Free Library; books worn out or otherwise unfit for circulation being replaced by new copies or other works when deemed desirable. Any School Library may, however, be retained for a further term, if so desired by the Principal Teachers.

(*h*) All books in circulation, with the remaining portion of the School Library not in circulation, shall be collected together at the School for inspection twice in each year, immediately before the Summer and Winter holidays, or at such times as may be fixed by the Librarian.

(*i*) The General Rules of the Free Library Committee shall, as far as applicable, be observed, and the Teachers shall make such periodical returns as the Librarian may require.

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AND EVENING READING ROOMS.

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D—*Daily.* **W**—*Weekly.* **F**—*Fortnightly.* **M**—*Monthly.* **Q**—*Quarterly.*

*Abolitionist	M
*Acetylene	M
Agricultural Economist	W
Animal World	M
*Animal's Friend	M
*Animal's Guardian	M
Antiquary	M
Arbitrator	M
Army List	M and Q
Art Chronicle	M
*Aspirant (*e*)	W
Athenæum	W
*Auckland Star	W
*Banner of Israel	W
Bazaar, Exchange and Mart	TRI-W
*Belfast News	W
*Bideford Weekly Gazette	W
*Bird Notes	W
Birmingham Daily Post	D
Blackpool Gazette	W
Blackwood's Magazine	M
*Bladnd	W
*Board of Trade Journal	W
*Bodmin Guardian	W
Bookseller	W
*Bournemouth Visitors' Directory	W
British Esperantist	M
Boy's Own Paper	W
British Australasian	W
*British Columbia	M
British Journal of Photography	M
British Printer	BI-M
*British Temperance Advocate	M
British Weekly	W
British Workman (*e*)	M
British Workwoman	M
Broad Arrow	W
Builder	W
Building News (*e*)	W
Burlington Magazine	M
Building World	W
Canada	W
*Canadian Gazette	W
*Canadian Mail	W
Captain (*e*)	M
Cassell's Magazine (*e*)	M
Cassell's Saturday Journal (*e*)	W
*Catholic Times	W
Century Magazine	M
Chamber's Journal (*e*)	M
*Charles' Parish Magazine	M
*Christian Life	W
*Christian Science Journal	M
*Christian Science Monitor	W
*Christian Science Sentinel	W
Chums (*e*)	W
Church Gazette	M
*Church Intelligencer	M
*Church Life Record (*e*)	W
*Church Quarterly Review	Q
*Church Times	W
Civilian	W
*Clarion	W
Clerk	W
*Clerk of Works Association Journal	M
*Commerce of Liverpool	M
Connoisseur	M
Contemporary Review	M
Contract Journal	W
Contractors' Record	W
*Co-operative News	W
Cornhill Magazine (*e*)	M
*Cornish and Devon Post	W
*Cornish Guardian	W
Cornish Leader	W
Cornish Post	W
Cornish Times	W
*Cornubian	W
*Correspondent	W
Country Life (*e*)	W
County Gentleman	W
Cycling	W
Daily Chronicle (*e*)	D
Daily Citizen	D
Daily Express (*e*)	D
Daily Graphic (*e*)	D
Daily Herald	D
Daily Illustrated Mirror (*e*)	D

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Daily Mail (*e*)	D
Daily News and Morning Leader (*e*)	D
Daily Telegraph (*e*)	D
*Dartmouth Chronicle	W
*Defender	M
*Deliverer	M
*Devon and Exeter Daily Gazette	D
*Devon and Somerset W. News	W
Devonshire Notes and Queries	Q
Dickensian	M
*Domestic Engineering	W
*Drapers' Record	W
*East and the West	Q
Economic Review	M
Edinburgh Review	Q
*Educational Times	M
Electrical Review	W
Electrician	W
Engineer (*e*)	W
Engineering	W
Engineering Magazine	M
*English Churchman	W
English Illustrated Magazine (*e*)	M
English Mechanic (*e*)	W
English Review	M
Era	W
Exeter Diocesan Gazette	M
Family Friend	M
*Ferro Concrete	
Field	W
Financial News	D
*Fish Trades Gazette	
*Foresters' Miscellany	M
Fortnightly Review	F
*Fra	
*Free Trader	M
*Freeman's Journal	D
*Freeman's Weekly	W
Gardener (*e*)	W
Gardener's Magazine	W
Gentlewoman	W
Globe	D
*Good Templars' Watchword	W
Graphic (*e*)	W
Great Thoughts	W
*Great Western Magazine (*e*)	M
Guardian	W
*Hampstead Advertiser	W
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Hearth and Home (*e*)	W
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*Herald of the Cross	M
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Illustrated London News (*e*)	W
Illustrated Western Weekly News (*e*)	W
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*Inquirer	W
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*Jewish Chronicle	W
*Journal of the Board of Agriculture	M
*Journal of British Architects	F
*Journal of Great Britain	M
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*Journal of Victoria	M
*Justice (*e*)	W
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Knowledge	M
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Labour News	W
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Lady's Pictorial	W
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Library World	M
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*Local Government Chronicle	W
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*L.G.O. (Local Government Officer)	W
*Machinery Market	W and M
Madame	W
Manchester Guardian	D
*Mariner	M
*Maritime Review	
*Melbourne Age	W
*Metropolitan (Local Government Journal)	W
*Mid-Devon Advertiser	W
*Mission Field	M
Modern Language Review	M
*Month (Catholic Magazine)	M
Morning Post (*e*)	D
*Motor Traction	W
Munsey's Magazine (*e*)	M
*Musical Herald	M
Musical Times	M
*Musician's Monthly Journal	M
Nation (*e*)	W
*Nation in Arms	M
National Review	M
*National Temperance Quarterly	Q
Nature	W
Nautical Magazine	M
Naval and Military Directory	M
Naval and Military Record (*e*)	W
*Navy League Journal	M
Navy List	M and Q
Navy List, Lean's Royal	Q
*New Church Magazine	M
*Newquay Express	W
*New Zealand Farmer	M

Newton Times	W
Nineteenth Century	M
*North Devon Herald	W
*Northern Whig	D
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*Nottingham Daily Express	D
*One and All	M
*Our Own Gazette	M
*Our Work	M
Outlook (*e*)	W
*Palestine Exploration Statement	Q
Pall Mall Gazette	D
Pall Mall Magazine (*e*)	M
*Paper Maker	M
*Patent Office Index	M
*Patent Office Journal	W
*Patent Office Journal (Australian)	W
Pearson's Magazine (*e*)	M
Pearson's Weekly (*e*)	W
Penny Illustrated Paper (*e*)	W
Penny Magazine (*e*)	W
Penny Pictorial Magazine (*e*)	W
People (*e*)	W
*Philatelic Journal	M
*Phonetic Journal	W
Photography	W
Plympton Gazette	W
*Poor Law Officer's Journal	W
*Postivist's Review	M
*Poultry	W
*Practical Engineer	W
*Present Truth	W
*Printer's Register	M
Public Opinion (*e*)	W
Publisher's Circular	W
Punch (*e*)	W
Quarterly Review	Q
Queen (*e*)	W
*Queensland Government Gazette	M
*Queensland Government Mining Journal	M
Quiver (*e*)	M
Railway Clerk	M
*Railway Review	W
*Register of Deceased Seamen	M
*Reports—Marine Department, Board of Trade	M
Review of Reviews (*e*)	M
Reynold's Newspaper	W
*Royal Cornwall Gazette	W
*St. Andrew's Parochial Magazine	M
St. James' Gazette	D
*Salcombe Times	W
Saltash Gazette	W
Saturday Review	W
*Scotsman	W
Scribner's Magazine	M
*Secretary	W
Shipping Gazette and Lloyd's List	D
Shipping Weekly Summary	W
*Shipping World	W
Shop Assistant	W
*Shorthand Gazette	M
Sketch (*e*)	W
*Social Democrat	M
*South Australian Register	W
South Wales Argus	D
Spectator	W
Sphere (*e*)	W
*Staffordshire Advertiser	W
*Staffordshire Sentinel	W
Standard (*e*)	D
*State Correspondent	M
Stationery World	M
Strand Magazine (*e*)	M
*Student's Journal	M
Studio	M
Sunday at Home (*e*)	M
*Tasmanian Mail	W
Tatler	W
Tavistock Gazette	W
*Temperance Advocate	W
*Theosophical Path	M
Times	D
*Torquay Directory	W
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T.P.'s Weekly (*e*)	W
Trade Marks Journal	W
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Truth	W
*United Empire	M
*University Correspondent	F
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*Vegetarian Messenger	M
*Vulcan	M
*Weekly Dispatch	W
*Weekly Report	W
*West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser	W
West Cornwall Advertiser	W
Western Daily Mercury (*e*)	D
Western Daily Press (Bristol)	D
Western Evening Herald (*e*)	D
*Western Guardian	W
Western Independent (*e*)	W
Western Morning News (*e*)	D
*Western Times	D
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Westminster Gazette	D and W
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Wide World Magazine	M
Windsor Magazine (*e*)	M
Woman at Home (*e*)	M
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- Catalogue of Lepidoptera Phalaenæ, Vols. 11 and 12.
- Catalogue of Chiroptera. K. Anderson.
- Index to Hand List of Genera and Species of Birds (Vols. 1—5). W. R. Ogilvie-Grant.
- Catalogue of the Mammals of Western Europe. G. S. Miller.
- History of the Collections contained in the Natural History Department, British Museum (Vol. 2). Dr. A. Günther.
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- Calendar of Stuart Papers, Vol. V.
- Calendar of Manuscripts Marquis of Ormonde. New series, Vol. VII.
- House of Lords Manuscripts. New series, Vol. VI.

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Cornwall Parish Registers, Vols. 20 and 21. (Ed.) Phillimore and Taylor.
Drake and the Elizabethan Navy. E. H. Moorhouse.
Cornish Coast and Moors. A. G. Folliott-Stokes.
Toplady's Works (6 vols.).
Story of a Hare. J. C. Tregarthen.
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COUNTY-BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND NEWSROOMS.

Thirty-seventh Annual Report

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Attendant, Salisbury Road Branch—THOMAS POTTER.
Attendant, Hyde Park Road Branch—W. WILLCOCKS.

LIBRARY CHRONOLOGY.

1871 Library Acts adopted.

1876 Librarian appointed (March).
Library formally opened (August).

1879 Opening of Reference Library (August).

1884 Re-opening of Library after extension of the building (November).

1885 Annual Meeting of the Library Association at Plymouth (September).

1886 Death of Mr. R. C. Serpell, founder of the Library (October 25th).

1888 Establishment of School Libraries.

1892 Opening of Cattedown Road Branch (February). (Closed August, 1901).

1893 Opening of Union Street Branch (October). (Transferred to Oxford Street 1897). (Closed 1901).

1894 Death of Mr. William Henry Luke, Honorary Treasurer and Deputy Chairman (February 27th).

1896 Re-opening of Library after extensive alterations (January).

1897 Opening of Laira Branch (March).
Opening of Compton Branch (April). Closed May, 1899).
Visit of American Librarians to Plymouth (July).

1898 Opening of Mount Street Branch (February). (Closed May, 1899).

1899 Death of Mr. George R. Barrett, Honorary Treasurer and Deputy-Chairman (August 24th).

1900 Re-opening Mount Street Branch (October). (Closed 1901).

1901 Annual Meeting of the Library Association at Plymouth (August).

1904 Opening of Salisbury Road Branch (March 11th).
Opening of Hyde Park Road Branch (October 7th).

1905 Death of Councillor John Taylor (September).
Resignation of Alderman John Shelly (November).

1906 Mr. Andrew Carnegie's offer accepted (August).

1907 Laying of Foundation Stone, New Library (October).

1910 Official Opening of New Library (October).

1911 Bible Exhibition (February and March).

912-13 Exhibition of Rare and Curious Books (July and August).

Population of Plymouth, 1876	about 70,020
,, ,, 1913	113,314
Area of the Borough	acres 2,533
Rateable value of Plymouth, 1871	£166,332
,, ,, 1913	£606,456
Number of Volumes in Library, 1914	70,665
Number of Volumes issued during the Municipal year 1913-14 ...	402,277
Number of Volumes issued in all departments since the opening of Library to the end of March, 1914	10,751,456
Number of Borrowers' Tickets issued 1913-14	2,828
Number of Borrowers enrolled since the opening of the Library ..	102,041
Number of Students' Tickets issued 1913-14	212

REPORT 1913-14.

To the Members of the Plymouth Town Council.

GENTLEMEN,

We beg to present the report of the Free Library Committee for 1913-14, which is the thirty-seventh since the opening of the Library in 1876.

Although we have no striking developments to record for the past twelve months, we believe that the good work of previous years has been well maintained, and that the institution is, in an increasing measure, becoming an essential feature of the educational equipment of the town.

In the last report the total number of volumes in all departments of the Library was given as 67,247 ; it now exceeds 70,000, as will be seen by reference to Table I. Nearly every class in the Lending Library has received a substantial addition, but the principal increase is in the Reference Library and the Devon and Cornwall Collection, which, together, account for 1,757 volumes—or more than half of the general total.

The large increase in Class L (Devon and Cornwall literature) is due to the fact that during the year all the local prints, maps, and portraits have been catalogued and added to the general stock.

Roughly, therefore, the Lending Library now contains 30,000 volumes, and the Reference Library, with its important adjunct, the local collections, over 40,000 volumes.

The figures given in Table I. as to the increase in all classes, especially those in more general demand, show, as we think, that the Book Selection Sub-Committee have been very liberal in their selections, and that they have met the requirements of the time and the wishes of the borrowers to the best of their ability.

The number of new tickets issued during the year was 2828, a little in advance of the previous year, and it is satisfactory to note that there is a growing demand for students' tickets, these tickets not being avaliable for fiction. It may be noted that all borrowers have the privilege of obtaining a students' ticket in addition to the ordinary ticket, which may be used for any class, including fiction.

Other tables treat of the ages, occupations ,and residences of the borrowers, from which it will be observed that a large percentage of our readers come from the outlying districts of the town.

The arrangement by which non-residents and non-ratepayers may obtain books on loan for an annual payment of five shillings has not been largely taken advantage of, probably because it is not generally known outside our own immediate neighbourhood.

Increased activity has been displayed in connection with our branch evening reading rooms, more than ten thousand volumes having been distributed through their agency, and more than thirty-five thousand persons have used the rooms, granted to us by the Education Authority, for the purposes of reading and study.

The total issues of books in the Lending Library have amounted to 336,206, with a daily average of 1,124; in the Reference Library, 66,071, with a daily average of 214; but, as was pointed out in the last report, this does not adequately represent the number of books consulted, since readers have free access to the shelves. The latter fact has been the cause of some serious defacements of books, especially art works, no clue having been found to convict the wrong-doers. Freedom to remove the books from the shelves, although a great boon to the reader, involves so much risk that the Committee have found it necessary to curtail the privilege to some extent.

The total issues of books in all departments was 402,277, as against 395,593 in the previous year, and the total output of books from the Library since its opening reaches nearly eleven millions.

We are now supplying about forty schools and departments under the Education Authority, and recently a large addition has been made to our stock of books for school library purposes, which are now in course of distribution to the various schools needing exchanges. The wear and tear of books in this department is very great, and we have requested the Education Secretary to enjoin upon the head teachers and those who have the distribution of the books to the scholars to use greater care, in order that the books when returned to us may be available for future use. As a rule, a large percentage of the books so returned are defective and have to be destroyed.

Borrowers find it a great convenience to bespeak books which are not *in* on their first application, several hundred postcards being applied for each year. Similarly proposal cards are placed in both departments, by which borrowers and readers may suggest books to be added to the Library, and these cards are laid before the Book Selection Sub-Committee at their periodical meetings.

The general newspaper room, together with the magazine room and ladies' tables, are increasing in popularity and are frequently crowded, but the want of a children's room under personal supervision is increasingly felt.

The Saturday afternoon lectures, held during the winter months (from September to April) have become a prominent feature of the work of the Library; thirty-four lectures on a great variety of literary subjects were delivered, and the attendance of the public has exceeded all previous records.

The list of books drawn up by the Librarian in connection with the weekly lectures has been much appreciated, and has undoubtedly helped to bring under the notice of readers books which they might otherwise have overlooked. A full list of the lectures delivered, the names of the lecturers and the respective chairmen will be found in another part of this report.

The Committee beg to express their indebtedness to the ladies and gentlemen who have assisted at these popular lectures.

The experiment tried last year of holding evening lectures as well as afternoon lectures has not been continued. It was thought that the public were already amply provided for in this direction by the Cambridge University Extension Courses and by the lectures delivered under the auspices of the Museum and Art Gallery Committee.

Some much-needed improvements have been made in the lighting of the Reference Library and the indicator in the Lending Library, the existing fittings having to a large extent been utilized.

During the year arrangements have been made with the National Lending Library for the Blind, by which we receive a selection of books each month in the Braille type. This concession is much appreciated by blind readers, and it is hoped to extend the usefulness of this department in the near future.

On another page will be found a detailed report of the Book Exhibition, held in the Lecture Hall during the months of July, August, and a part of September.

The need for a general catalogue of the whole library is increasingly felt, and is being considered by the Committee. Manuscript catalogues are continuously revised in all departments; the card catalogue is being constantly added to; but hand lists of the books in the lending department are urgently needed, and a full catalogue of the priceless Devon and Cornwall collection would be a welcome addition to local bibliography, the last printed catalogue being twenty-two years old. Since this was published the collection has more than doubled, and it may now claim to be the largest and most complete collection of West Country literature in existence. In addition to the need for catalogues is also the need of an expandd or revised indicator, the present indicator screens with its adjuncts not giving room for recent additions to the various classes.

At the annual checking of the books in the Lending Library in January last about twenty books were unaccounted for, some of which have since been returned.

The Committee regret the loss of one of its members, Mr. W. J. Vickery, owing to removal from the neighbourhood. Mr. Vickery had been for many years a most attentive member of the Library Committee. His place has been filled by the reappointment of Mr. C. R. Serpell.

The changes in the staff during the year have been slight; they include the resignation of Attendant J. Luckham, who had held the position for many years. His place is filled by W. Nott; F. Durham having been added to the permanent staff and placed in charge of the Devon and Cornwall room.

The Borough Librarian, by permission of the Library Committee, attended the annual meeting of the Library Association at Bournemouth in September last. His report will be found on another page.

Numerous valuable additions have been made to the Library, either by gift or purchase. The former includes the original manuscript of the Rev. S. Baring-Gould's "Songs of the West," as set down by himself and his colleagues from the mouths of the singing men. This forms a valuable supplement to a former gift by the same gentleman of his manuscript volume of these songs, made many years ago. By purchase the Library has acquired a collection of autograph letters and other relics of Benjamin Robert Haydon, the well-known but ill-fated Plymouth artist.

A list of the principal books added to the Library is given, as usual, in the appendix, together with a list of donors who have made presentations as reported to the Council in the monthly minutes of the Library Committee.

The British Museum (Natural History department) continue to send their publications; through the Smithsonian Institution we receive many important American official publications; several of our Colonies send their periodical publications, and from other public and private sources our library and reading rooms receive considerable additions of useful printed matter.

W. L. MUNDAY, *Chairman.*

W. H. K. WRIGHT, *Borough Librarian.*

June, 1914.

P.S.—The Committee desire once more to put on record their sense of obligation to Mr. Wright and his staff for their valued services to the Library, which are so essential to its continued public usefulness.

Report on the Annual Meeting of the Library Association, 1913.

To the Chairman and Members of the Plymouth Free Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

By your kind permission I was privileged to attend the thirty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Library Association, held at Bournemouth during the first week in September. The Earl of Malmesbury was the President.

The attendance was unusually large, numbering about four hundred delegates and friends.

One noticeable feature of the meeting was the presence of the Chairmen and Members of many Library Committees who accompanied their respective Librarians, and took a prominent part in the debates.

Meetings of the Council and of various Committees were held on Monday evening, which, as a member of the Council, I attended.

On Tuesday morning the Mayor of Bournemouth (Alderman H. L. McCalmont Hill, D.C.L.I, supported by many members of the Corporation, gave the Association a hearty welcome to the town, and opened the proceedings, vacating the chair, after some introductory remarks, to the newly-elected President.

Lord Malmesbury's Presidential address dealt mainly with the chief functions of the public library as an adjunct to the present system of education.

A paper prepared by the Librarian of Bournemouth (Mr. Charles Riddle) gave the history of the public library movement in the town. Printed copies of this paper were placed in our hands; consequently it was not read, and no discussion took place upon it.

The same rule applied to another paper by Alderman C. H. Mate, J.P., Chairman of the Bournemouth Education Committee, in which he dealt with the interesting "Literary Associations of Bournemouth and Neighbourhood," the centre of the Hardy Country.

This was followed by an appreciative paper read by Mr. Henry R. Tedder, Secretary and Librarian, The Athenæum, London, on E. W. B. Nicholson, late Librarian of the Bodleian, "In Memoriam." Mr. Nicholson was one of the original promoters of the Library Association, was its first Secretary, and for more than thirty years occupied the honourable position of Bodley's Librarian, Oxford. This paper evoked considerable comment, which consisted mainly of reminiscences of many of those who had been associated with Mr Nicholson, myself amongst the number.

In the absence, through illness, of Mr. J. Dover Wilson, M.A. (His Majesty's Inspector of Tutorial Classes), who was to have read a paper on "The Public Library and the Tutorial Class"; Mr. A. H. Garstang, Librarian of Southport, read a paper on "Co-operative Specialisation by Municipal Libraries." He submitted what he described as some reflections on the possibility of co-operation by groups of local libraries in the selection of their books on literary and scientific subjects. An interesting discussion followed.

At the afternoon session a most interesting paper on "Planning a Catalogue of Local Literature," was read by Mr. Basil Anderton, Chief Librarian, Newcastle-on-Tyne. His was in reality a supplement to and an amplification of a paper I read at the Newcastle meeting of the Association a few years ago. The paper was ably prepared and well received, the discussion thereon being very general and accupying the greater part of the afternoon sitting.

Another paper which interested me much was that by Mr. J. McKillop on "The Extension of Public Libraries to Rural Districts." Here, again, it ran on lines similar to those which I laid before the Association at the first Conference in London in 1877, consequently I followed the discussion very closely.

A paper on "Music in Public Libraries," prepared by Mr. Charles Riddle, Chief Librarian, Bournemouth Public Libraries, dealt more particularly with the John B. M. Camm Music Reference Library, which had been presented to the Bournemouth Public Library. This related to a new and very interesting development of library work, and was heartily commended by those who took part in the discussion.

Miss N. Snouck Hurgronje, Librarian of the Openbare Bibliotheek, Dordrecht, gave a most interesting and valuable lantern lecture on "The Libraries of Holland," which was cordially received and formed a most attractive feature of the proceedings.

A valuable paper on "English and American Co-operation for an Index to General Periodicals" was given by Mr. T. W. Lyster, Librarian of the National Library of Ireland. He urged the great necessity of an index of a reliable kind as a supplement to Poole's Index, which had been discontinued.

Mr. H. D. Roberts, Director of the Public Libraries, Museums, and Art Galleries, Brighton, brought forward the question of "Library Facilities for Visitors to Holiday Resorts," in which he showed what was being done in various libraries in the country for the convenience of holiday visitors, and made suggestions by which visitors might obtain, with as little inconvenience to the themselves as possible, the privilege of using the libraries in any towns in which they might be making a temporary stay. In the lengthy discussion which followed diverse opinions were expressed, but in the main the proposals made in Mr. Roberts' paper were approved.

The Thursday morning session was chiefly occupied with a discussion on American Libraries, a report being presented by Mr. L. Stanley Jast, Hon. Secretary of the Library Association, who had attended, as a delegate from the Association, the annual meeting of the American Library Association during the present summer. He dealt in a most comprehensive manner with the subject, and was heartily applauded for his excellent contribution to the proceedings.

Miss E. S. Fegan, Librarian, Ladies' College, Cheltenham, followed with a delightful paper, recording her personal experiences during a recent visit to the United States in April last. She dealt very fully with American library administration, and spoke highly of the card order department of the Library of Congress, also of the work of the Libraries at Pittsburgh, Cleveland, and Chicago.

A paper on "Library Lectures," written by Mr. W. E. Doubleday, Chief Librarian, Hampstead, was, unfortunately, held over for want of time. I regretted this as I was much interested in the subject, and had been invited to open the discussion. But we hope to have it at the next annual meeting.

At the afternoon session a paper was read by Mr. W. C. Berwick Sayers, Deputy-Librarian, Croydon Public Libraries, on "Past and Present Professional Training: its Results and Prospects." This led to a most interesting discussion, and a resolution was passed to the following effect:—"That in view of the general development of the educational work of the Library Association throughout the provinces, the Council be requested to appoint a special committee to consider the system of education and examination, to inquire into the extent and use of certificates issued, and to make recommendations on the points where revision is desirable; the special committee to include, as far as possible, those men who have been actively engaged in the education of library assistants, and that the various branch associations be permitted to recommend the names of representatives.

The annual business meeting of the Association occupied the remainder of the sitting, which was not over until six o'clock, a prolonged discussion taking place on the Libraries Bill now before Parliament.

An interesting report from the Committee on "Literature for the Blind," prepared by Mr. G. E. Roebuck, was taken as read, printed copies being distributed to the members.

My general impression of the conference was that the papers and discussions were of a more practical and less academic character than usual, and that there was a healthy tone about all the proceedings.

I was much interested in the new Library, the gift of Mr. Carnegie, opened during the present year. It is small, but the general arrangements and appointments are excellent. It is in the same block of buildings as the Municipal College, where our meetings were held.

It being my first visit to Bournemouth, I was much struck with the beauty of the town and its surroundings. We paid a visit to Heron Court, the home of the Earl of Malmesbury, who gave an interesting description of his books and pictures, and on our return we visited Christchurch Priory. A day in the New Forest was marred by incessant rain.

Incidentally, I may say that I spent a half-day at Oxford, and renewed my recollections of the Bodleian Library; I also visited Shrewsbury and Lichfield, at the latter place attending the celebrations on the birthday of Samuel Johnson, who was born there.

Permit me, in conclusion, to thank you for granting me facilities for attending the Bournemouth meeting and of renewing my acquaintance with many old colleagues.

Next year's meeting is to be held at Oxford.

Believe me,

Yours respectfully,

W. H. K. WRIGHT,

Borough Librarian.

Plymouth, *October*, 1913.

BOOK EXHIBITION, 1913.

Following the example of the previous year, an Exhibition of Rare and Curious Books was opened on July 28th and remained open until the 20th September. It proved a great attraction, being visited by over seven thousand persons, with a daily average of 150 and a weekly average of 904.

The special features were first editions, early printed books, binding—ancient and modern, and bookplates (ex-libris). A special corner was devoted to early editions of the works of Charles Dickens, with portraits, and some rarities.

The Exhibition was formally opened by the Mayor (Mr. J. W. S. Godding, J.P.), who sent a choice collection of books in beautiful bindings, with other bibliographical treasures.

Messrs. Cedric Chivers, of Bath, sent some exquisite artistic bindings, and Messrs. J. W. Zaehnsdorf and Co., of London, contributed some very early specimens of the binder's craft.

Other exhibitors, not local, were Messrs. Drayton and Sons, Exeter, Messrs. Andrew Iredale and Son, Torquay; Mr. Thomas Thorpe, London; Mr. John Vinycomb, Streatham; Mr. C. F. Williams, Yealmpton; Mr. Josiah Wallis, Brixham; Mr. J. E. Rogers, Landrake; Mr. W. H. C. Rundell, Lostwithiel; and others.

The Plymouth Municipal Museum and Art Gallery was again well represented, and our own Library—particularly the Devon and Cornwall collection—was drawn upon to a very large extent, many interesting and curious publications being brought to light.

The response to the Librarian's application for loans was most generous, as the following list of exhibitors will show :—

Mr. J. T. Armstrong (London), Mr. W. E. Baines (Plymouth), Rev. Benwell Bird (Plymouth), Miss Ernestine Bird (Plymouth), Rev. Walter H. Burgess (Plymouth), Mr. W. J. Butland (Plymouth), Messrs. Cedric Chivers (Bath), Dr. C. J. Cooke (Plymouth), Mr. J. Davies (Plymouth), Messrs. Drayton and Sons (Exeter), Mr. H. Montague Evans (St. Budeaux), Mr. Will Foster (Plymouth), Mr. J. T. Fouracre (Plymouth), Mrs. Glinn (Stoke, Devonport), Mr. T. Goatley (Plymouth), Mr. J. W. S. Godding (Plymouth), Mr. J. Golston (Plymouth), Mr. John Hitchings (Plymouth), Mr. C. Horton (Plymouth), Mr. F. W. Hunt (Plymouth), Messrs. Andrew Iredale and Son (Torquay), Miss Jago (Plymouth), Mr. W. G. Laity (Plymouth), Rev. F. W. Newman (Saltash), Rev. A. W. T. Perowne (Plymouth), Mr. B. F. Pearce

(Plymouth), Mr. E. Pillar (Plymouth), Plymouth Free Public Library, Plymouth Museum and Art Gallery, Mr. J. E. Rogers (Landrake, Cornwall), Mr. W. H. C. Rundell (Lostwithiel, Cornwall), Mr. L. Ryan (Plymouth), Dr. E. S. Saunders (Devonport), Mr. Frederick Sleep (Plymouth), Messrs. W. H. Smith and Son (Plymouth), Mr. Rubens Southey (Plymouth), Mr. Thomas Thorpe (London), Rev. J. T. Trelawny-Ross (Devonport), Dr. T. G. Vawdrey (Plymouth), Mr. John Vinycomb (Streatham), Mr. Reginald Waddy (Plymouth), Mr. W. Cecil Wade (Plymouth), Mr. J. F. Wakeford (Plymouth), Mr. Frederick S. Waldron (Plymouth), Mr. Josiah Wallis (Brixham), Dr. Samuel Weekes (Plymouth), Miss A. Whipple (Plymouth), Mr. C. F. Williams (Yealmpton), Mr. W. H. Wills (Plymouth), Mr. W. H. K. Wright (Plymouth), Mr. J. W. Zachnsdorf (London).

LECTURES (Eighth Course).

During Session, 1913-14.

The following lectures were delivered, with few exceptions, on Saturday afternoons, from September 27th, 1913, to April 25th, 1914, and were largely attended. This list is in continuation of those given in previous reports :—

204. September 27th, 1913, the Borough Librarian; subject, "Some Devon Poets and Humorists." Chairman, the Mayor (Mr. J. W. S. Godding, J.P.).

205. October 4th, 1913, Mr. F. E. Sach; subject, "Lord Beaconsfield's Novels." Chairman, Alderman W. L. Munday.

206. October 11th, 1913, Major James Rendle; subject, "Bulwer Lytton : Poet, Novelist, and Dramatist. Chairman, Dr. T. G. Vawdrey.

207. October 18th, 1913, Alderman W. L. Munday; subject, "Dante's Story of Ulysses." Chairman, Councillor J. P. Brown, J.P.

208. October 25th, 1913, Mr. Percival H. W. Almy; subject, "The Art of Eden Phillpotts." Chairman, Mr. R. A. J. Walling, J.P.

209. November 1st, 1913, Miss Helen Brinckman; "Dramatic Recital of Scenes from Shakespeare's *Much Ado about Nothing.*" Mrs. John Skelton, President, Plymouth Shakespeare Literary Society, in the chair.

*210. November 3rd, 1913, Miss Helen Brinckman; "Dramatic Recital Scenes from Shakespeare's *Much Ado about Nothing.*" The Mayoress of Plymouth (Mrs. Worsley) in the chair.

211. November 8th, 1913, Rev. W. H. Burgess, B.A.; subject, "Sir Thomas More's *Utopia.*" Chairman, Rev. H. J. Chaytor, M.A.

212. November 15th, 1913, the Borough Librarian; subject, "Some Cornish Poets and Humorists." Chairman, The Mayor (Councillor T. Baker, J.P.).

213. November 22nd, 1913, Mr. L. W. Mathieson, L.C.P.; subject, "Language : a Study in English." Chairman, Mr. H. Penrose Prance.

214. November 29th, 1913, Mr. J. H. Lucas; subject, "Some Local Musical Composers of Bygone Days," with musical illustrations. Chairman, Alderman W. Hornbrook, J.P. (Devonport).

215. December 6th, 1913, Mr. G. P. Dymond, M.A.; subject, "The Rise and Development of the English Novel." Chairman, Rev. A. W. T. Perowne, M.A.

216. December 13th, 1913, Miss Raymond; subject, "The Poet Laureate (Dr. Robert Bridges)." Chairman, Alderman W. L. Munday.

217. December 20th, 1913, Rev. F. W. Newman; subject, "The Dramatic Quality of Charles Dickens." Chairman, Mr. George H. Lang.

218. December 27th, 1913, the Borough Librarian; "Recital of Dickens' *Christmas Carol.*" Chairman, Mr. John Hitchings.

*219. December 29th, 1913, Special Dickens Evening of Christmas Readings and Recitals by members of the Dickens Fellowship. Chairman, Mr. W. H. K. Wright, President, Local Branch of the Dickens Fellowship.

220. January 3rd, 1914, Mr. W. P. R. Kerr; subject, "Swinburne: Poet and Critic." Chairman, Rev. F. W. Newman.

221. January 10th, 1914, Mr. R. Tribich, B.A.; subject, "Stories from the Talmud." Chairman, Dr. Howard Slater.

222. January 7th, 1914 ,Councillor J. P. Brown, J.P.; subject, "Browning's *The Ring and the Book.*" Chairman, Alderman W. L. Munday.

223. January 24th, 1914, Rev. Preb. S. Gordon Ponsonby; subject, Tennyson's *In Memoriam.*" Chairman, Mr. Waldorf Astor, M.P.

224. January 31st, 1914, Mr. John Hitchings; subject, "Shakespeare's Early Comedy." Chairman, Dr. T. G. Vawdrey.

225. February 7th, 1914, Rev. H. J. Chaytor, M.A.; subject, "The Romance of Tristan and Isolde." Chairman, Alderman J. F. Winnicott, J.P.

226. February 14th, 1914, Rev. Thomas Flavell; subject, "An Hour with Wordsworth." Chairman, Rev. J. P. Baker, M.A.

227. February 21st, 1914, Mr. James Baker, F.R.G.S., F.R.HIS.SOC.; subject, "R. D. Blackmore: the Man and his Work." Chairman, Mr. T. Canning Baily.

228. February 28th, 1914, Mr. J. J. Alexander, M.A., J.P.; subject, "The Saxon Conquest of Devon." Chairman, Mr. W. Cecil Wade.

229. March 7th, 1914, Mr. R. A. J. Walling, J.P.; subject, "Nathaniel Hawthorne, the Novelist of the Conscience." Chairman, Councillor J. W. S. Godding, J.P.

230. March 14th, 1914, The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Exeter (Dr. Robertson); subject, "Recreation in Art, Letters, and Life." Chairman, Alderman W. L. Munday.

231. March 21st, 1914, Mr. C. W. Bracken, B.A., F.E.S.; subject, "Autobiography in Novels." Chairman, Mr. George Hawken.

232. March 28th, 1914, Very Rev. Canon M. J. Burns, D.D.; subject, "Some Celtic Forerunners of Dante." Chairman, Alderman W. L. Munday.

233. April 4th, 1914, Mr. John Shelly; subject, "William Morris: the Man and his Work." Chairman, Mr. C. R. Serpell.

234. April 11th, 1914, the Borough Librarian; subject, "Some Women Writers of the West Country. Miss Scott in the chair.

235. April 18th, 1914, Mr. W. H. Wingate Miller; subject, "John Bunyan, Preacher, Prisoner, and Dreamer." Chairman, Dr. T. G. Vawdrey.

236. April 25th, 1914, Mr. Reginald Waddy, F.R.C.O., etc.; subject, "Charles Dickens and Music," with vocal and instrumental illustrations. Chairman, The Very Rev. Canon M. J. Burns, D.D.

* Those marked thus were evening engagements.

TABLE I.

ADDITIONS MADE TO THE LIBRARY.

Class Letter.	Works as Classified.	No of Volumes.		
		1913.	1914.	Increase 1914.
A	Theology, Religion, and Philosophy ...	1587	1644	57
B	Biography and Correspondence	3430	3557	127
C	History, Voyages, and Travels	4735	4876	141
D	Education, Political Economy, &c. ...	1157	1243	86
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History ...	2134	2231	97
F	Poetry, Classics, and the Drama ...	2155	2253	98
G	Prose Fiction	9826	10094	268
H	Miscellaneous Works	250	250	...
I	Magazines and Reviews	3793	3855	62
M	Music	351	351	...
J, S	Juvenile Books, including School Libraries	9160	9885	725
K	Reference Works (Reference Library) ...	16122	16410	288
L	Devon and Cornwall Library	12547	14016	1469
	TOTALS ...	67247	70665	3418

TABLE II.

REGISTER of BORROWERS.

Borrowers' Tickets issued previously, as per Thirty-six published Reports ...	99,213
Borrowers' Tickets issued since the publication of the last Report	2,446
Students' Tickets	212
Laira Branch	72
Salisbury Road Branch	19
Hyde Park Road Branch	79
	102,04

TABLE III.

Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year, with reasons assigned.

Borrowers left the town	28
,, deceased	4
,, withdrawn	19
Guarantor withdrawn	3
Cancelled (unclaimed)	49
	103

TABLE IV.

Ages of Borrowers enrolled during the 12 months ending March 31st, 1914.

Under 15 years			421
From 15 to 20 years			529
,, 20 to 25 ,,			362
,, 25 to 30 ,,			351
,, 30 to 40 ,,			202
,, 40 to 50 ,,			184
,, 50 to 60 ,,			76
Ages not recorded:	Burgesses	511	
,,	Non-Burgesses	192	
			703
			2828

TABLE V.

Residential Distribution of Borrowers.

	Burgess.	Non-Burgess.	Total.
Vintry Ward	19	28	47
St. Andrew's Ward	50	102	152
Hoe Ward	46	109	155
Millbay Ward	32	92	124
St. Peter's Ward	42	106	148
Frankfort Ward	38	142	180
Drake's Ward	79	186	265
Charles' Ward	84	201	285
Greenbank Ward	71	132	203
Mutley Ward	95	206	301
Compton Ward	88	139	227
Laira Ward	75	201	276
Friary Ward	51	79	130
Sutton Ward	46	88	134
Non-Residents	—	31	31
Borrowers at Laira Branch	7	65	72
,, Salisbury Road Branch	2	17	19
,, Hyde Park Road Branch	25	54	79
	850	1978	2828

TABLE VI.

Occupation of Borrowers, 1913-14

Classification.	*No.*
Accountants, Clerks, &c.	190
Agents and Managers	36
Apprentices	62
Architects	4
Assistants, Shop	176
Bakers and Confectioners	24
Boot and Shoe Makers	8
Builders and Contractors	2
Butchers, &c.	6
Cabinet Makers, Carpenters, and Joiners	41
Chauffeurs	6
Chemists, Druggists, &c.	14
Civil Service Officials	22
Clergy and Ministers	10
Commercial Travellers	28
Customs and Board of Trade Officials	15
Dairymen, Gardeners, &c.	10
Dentists	2
Domestic Servants	41
Drapers	26
Draughtsmen	6
Electricians	34
Engineers and Engine Fitters	32
Engravers and Lithographers	4
Errand Boys, Office Boys, and Messengers	46
Foremen	12
Grocers and Tea Dealers	28
Hair Dressers	11
Housekeepers	19
Inspectors	6
Ironmongers	8
Journalists, Reporters, &c.	10
Labourers and Porters	28
Laundresses	9
Machinists	12
Married Women (so specified)	134
Masons and Plasterers	9
Merchants and Manufacturers	6
Milliners and Dressmakers	36
Musicians, Tuners, &c.	11
Nurses	26
Officers, Army and Navy	24
Painters and Decorators	28
Pensioners	71
Photographers	4
Plumbers and Gasfitters	18
Printers and Compositors	21
Railway Officials	14
School Children and Students	432
School Masters, Mistresses, and Teachers	46
Shipwrights	29
Shopkeepers	16
Smiths, Stokers, &c.	8
Solicitors	5
Spinsters (so specified)	39
Superintendents	10
Surveyors	6
Tailors and Outfitters, &c.	24
Tobacconists	8
Typists	28
Upholsterers	9
Waiters and Waitresses	22
Warehousemen	14
Watchmakers, Jewellers, &c.	8
Widows (so specified)	29
Occupations not recorded, or persons having no settled occupation	705
Total	2828

TABLE VII.

Return of Issues in the Central and Branch Lending Departments, from April 1st, 1913, to March 31st, 1914, with Monthly Totals and Averages.

MONTH.	Days open.	A—Theology and Philosophy.	B—Biography and Correspondence.	C—History, Voyages and Travels.	D—Political Econ. and Education.	E—Art, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Classics, and Drama.	G—Prose Fiction	I—Magazines and Reviews.	J—Juvenile Works.	L—Local Works.	M—Musical Works.	R—Books	S & T—Schools and Evening Branches.	TOTALS.	Daily Average.
1913.																
April ..	26	329	491	568	224	451	649	7,986	791	1,671	969	192		14,621	28,942	1,113
May ..	26	301	524	496	285	491	589	7,961	699	1,602	947	168		14,424	28,487	1,095
June ..	25	281	464	511	212	418	604	7,821	526	1,544	873	119		14,281	27,654	1,106
July ..	27	356	584	598	292	504	686	8,054	786	1,704	986	211		14,725	29,486	1,092
August ..	25	294	592	531	301	472	628	7,912	724	1,628	899	181		14,522	28,684	1,147
September	26	329	481	672	198	562	691	8,054	828	1,664	922	203		14,389	28,993	1,115
October ..	27	382	691	722	298	667	755	8,279	902	1,798	982	224		14,921	30,621	1,134
November	25	252	484	561	236	484	622	7,641	620	1,591	902	164		14,411	27,968	1,118
December	24	270	455	526	194	421	592	7,754	511	1,426	881	146		14,166	27,342	1,139
1914.																
January ..	18	196	399	589	151	402	428	5,764	494	1,016	692	121	42	11,201	21,495	1,194
February ..	24	309	431	699	226	504	600	7,314	609	1,581	959	215	48	14,415	27,910	1,162
March ..	26	302	581	542	288	462	615	7,899	698	1,641	922	198	46	14,430	28,624	1,100
Totals ..	299	3,601	6,177	7,015	2,905	5,838	7,459	92,439	8,188	18,866	10934	2,142	136	170,506	336,206	1,124

TABLE VIII.

Works consulted in the Reference Department (including Devon and Cornwall Books) from April 1st, 1913, to March 31st, 1914, inclusive.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Biblical and Religious Works.	B—Biographical Works.	C—General History, Travels, &c.	D—Dictionaries, Encyclopædias, and other comprehensive Works.	E—Arts, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Drama, and the Classics.	G—Fiction and General Literature.	H—Heraldic and Genealogical Works.	I—Magazines, Reviews, and Newspapers.	J—General Topographical Works.	L—Works relating to Devon and Cornwall.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1913.														
April ..	26	302	411	464	834	484	576	34	522	928	441	629	5,625	216
May ..	26	298	482	424	818	412	566	42	594	883	561	612	5,692	218
June ..	25	232	401	459	792	391	498	21	510	841	582	564	5,291	211
July ..	27	350	454	538	975	398	421	16	474	921	502	641	5,690	210
August ..	25	226	382	428	754	376	491	32	541	849	497	622	5,198	207
September	26	311	464	412	841	374	546	52	612	901	489	701	5,703	219
October ..	27	288	502	462	916	416	504	46	606	928	501	723	5,892	218
November	25	229	431	482	768	384	475	29	501	823	496	686	5,304	212
December	24	254	396	495	729	341	402	22	568	796	445	598	5,046	210
1914.														
January ..	27	310	496	481	964	396	534	32	619	809	484	691	5,816	215
February	24	281	358	501	710	326	464	40		718	512	578	5,102	212
March ..	26	341	428	540	856	344	498	16	584	962	524	619	5,712	219
Totals—	308	3422	5195	5686	9,957	4,642	5,975	382	6,755	10,359	6,034	7,664	66,071	214

Statement of the work of the Library in all Departments comprised in the thirty-seven published Reports.

Year.	Days Open.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	R	S & T	TOTALS	Daily Average.
1876-90	3778	16,632	47,866	116,570	8,688	46,174	29,684	922,765	29,903	146,723	352,802	315,167	52,363	..	..	..	2,085,250	551
1890-91	286	777	2,474	6,974	358	2,207	1,095	64,813	2,038	9.362	104,404	32,133	5.217	..	..	..	231,852	810
1891-92	290	815	2,489	6,579	482	2,339	1,352	59,889	1.204	8,783	88,819	43,252	3 835	..	..	11,350	231,188	797
1892-93	285	711	2,010	4,615	590	2,275	1,032	56,457	859	8.909	12,977	49,151	393	..	..	112,365	252.344	885
1893 94	288	963	1,818	4,920	798	2,384	1,013	57,629	1,071	7.997	15,065	52,414	847	..	..	154,500	301,419	1,046
1894-95	285	1,073	2,022	4,381	819	2,138	758	54,932	987	6,081	14,564	58,366	1,811	..	..	144,667	292,599	1,026
1895-96	112	467	958	2,340	189	1,175	478	25,545	434	2,957	7,224	21,224	1.235	..	..	128,705	192,931	1,722
1896-97	284 302	990	3,279	7,527	541	4,022	1,665	76,032	1,090	7,562	17.145	65,304	4,466	..	302	135,436	325,361	915 L.D. 216 R.D.
1897-98	299 300	1,437	5,009	7,600	618	4,814	1,303	81,401	955	6,904	11,990	66,306	4,437	..	459	184,319	377,552	1040 L.D. 221 R.D.
1898-99	294 300	1,084	4.005	6,707	649	4,707	2,193	66,394	499	5.550	7,977	62,901	4,982	561	256	210,346	378,811	1074 L.D. 209 R.D.
1899-00	292	926	3,276	6,082	522	3,270	1,229	56,686	203	5,987	8,541	55.936	3.347	674	226	199,366	346,271	994 L.D. 191 R.D.
1900-01	297	1,006	2.939	6,066	583	3,125	1,265	62,228	134	6,607	8.920	62,128	4,126	1,025	135	219,553	379,840	1069 L.D. 209 R.D.
1901-02	293	1,191	3,418	5,287	769	4,597	1.367	63,493	14	6,925	6,743	65,121	4,217	1,182	72	200,488	364.884	1023 L.D. 222 R.D.
1902-03	295 297	2,033	5,346	7,489	1,766	6,935	3,180	72,016	..	8,079	7,474	70,609	5,732	1,614	153	195,658	388,084	1076 L.D. 237 R.D.
1903-04	294 296	2,259	5,251	7,358	1,580	7,110	3.660	86,148	..	9,025	11,485	70,864	6,954	2,087	153	186.380	400,314	1120 L.D. 239 R.D.
1904-05	295 301	2,583	5,922	8,256	2,800	8,160	4,453	100,821	..	10,352	19,420	72,281	9,319	2,371	153	169,755	416,646	1167 L.D. 240 R.D.
1905-06	298 303	3,098	5,942	8,183	3,372	8,420	4,697	100,501	..	10,221	19,961	73,087	9.170	2,197	153	198,546	447,548	1256 L.D. 241 R.D.
1906-07	294 301	2,797	5,086	7,017	2,845	7,395	3.938	96,930	..	9,839	20,392	74,347	8,129	1,873	153	200,285	441,026	1247 L.D. 247 R.D.
1907-08	299 309	3,426	5.804	7,381	3,195	7,716	4,738	102,543	..	9,778	22,246	76,770	8,801	2 507	153	199,492	454.550	1263 L.D. 248 R.D.
1908-09	293 307	3.181	5,809	7,065	2 966	7.200	4,803	105,306	..	10,012	21,560	76,357	9,056	2,147	153	192,445	448,060	1268 L.D. 248 R.D.
1909-10	294 300	2,888	5,213	6.078	2,718	6,058	4,424	107,443	..	8,112	18,097	74,121	8,065	1,977	153	182,694	428,041	1203 L.D. 247 R.D.
1910-11	221 222	3,954	5,586	6,819	2,327	5,710	6,488	85,536	..	76,81	15,098	64,080	7.428	1,804	153	142,646	355,310	1317 L.D. 288 R.D.
1911-12	299 300	3 977	5,642	7,467	2.403	6,550	7.421	94,980	..	6,705	18,964	64,691	8,439	2,286	153	184,227	413,905	1167 L.D. 215 R.D.
1912-13	294 304	3,155	4,529	6,000	1,867	6,402	7,598	92,887	..	7,506	18,100	65,241	10,254	2,426	153	169,275	395.393	1122 L.D. 214 R.D.
1913-14	299 308	3,601	6,177	7,015	2,905	5,838	7,459	92,439	..	8,188	18,866	66,071	10,934	2,142	136	170,506	402,277	1124 L.D. 214 R.D.
Totals ..		65,001	147,870	271,774	46,360	166,721	107,293	2,785,727	39,391	335,845	868,834	1,797,922	193,197	28,873	3,269	3,893,004	10,751,456	

TABLE X.*

Showing the Accessions in all Departments of the Library from year to year since the opening in August, 1876, and the present state of the Library Stock.

Year.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	R	S	Totals.	Yearly Increase.
1876-77	326	744	1,637	145	487	469	2,373	431	759	473	666	368	..	..	..	7,908	..
1878..	404	863	1,854	205	595	513	2,686	597	1,116	513	975	583	..	..	..	9,906	1,998
1879..	451	917	1,290	229	661	608	2,795	613	1,227	668	1,426	746	..	..	..	11,261	1,355
1880..	478	967	1,944	256	698	628	2,031	639	1,270	769	1,970	1,091	..	..	..	12,721	1,460
1881..	509	1,024	2,061	289	730	690	2,265	633	1,380	876	2,155	1,397	..	..	..	14,009	1,288
1882..	580	1,086	2,147	311	825	720	2,375	649	1,557	984	2,629	1,666	..	..	..	15,519	1,510
1883..	625	1,109	2,163	324	849	754	2,457	645	1,614	1,047	3,345	2,110	..	..	..	17,042	1,523
1884..	629	1,129	2,220	353	898	782	2,636	650	1,670	1,069	5,200	2,290	..	..	..	19,506	2,464
1885..	656	1,162	2,254	380	959	828	2,811	661	1,754	1,118	5,670	2,655	..	..	..	20,908	1,402
1886..	689	1,282	2,390	424	1,029	848	3,218	741	1,844	1,284	6,480	2,743	..	..	..	22,972	2,064
1887..	708	1,354	2,514	459	1,115	878	3,418	805	1,908	1,734	6,750	2,958	..	..	..	24,602	1,630
1888-89	751	1,433	2,624	479	1,182	918	3,649	892	2,116	2,480	7,045	3,275	..	..	..	26,833	2,231
1889-90	758	1,502	2,688	494	1,210	959	4,049	918	2,159	2,787	7,559	3,895	..	..	..	28,970	2,137
1890-91	794	1,561	2,820	523	1,256	990	4,304	957	2,232	2,934	8,040	4,320	..	..	..	30,732	1,761
1891-92	816	1,618	2,894	601	1,303	1,008	4,582	970	2,314	2,997	8,385	5,464	..	..	..	33,533	2,802
1892-93	867	2,678	2,955	625	1,354	1,075	4,749	981	2,442	3,892	8,630	6,003	..	..	110	35,361	1,828
1893-94	892	1,731	3,037	637	1,406	1,102	5,035	983	2,506	4,290	9,592	6,350	..	..	238	37,799	2,438
1894-95	935	1,777	3,076	657	1,443	1,118	5,203	989	2,588	936	10,063	6,897	..	..	3,074	38,960	1,161
1895-96	947	1,802	3,118	662	1,471	1,144	5,377	990	2,680	967	10,411	7,356	..	..	3,236	40,161	1,201
1896-97	959	1,945	3,205	670	1,567	1,226	5,671	992	2,737	980	10,701	7,789	..	138	3,496	42,076	1,915
1897-98	978	2,291	3,276	688	1,594	1,273	5,937	999	2,856	999	11,087	8,021	..	155	3,837	44,091	2,015
1898-99	985	2,361	3,336	745	1,624	1,316	6,110	699	2,270	1,034	11,461	8,282	81	170	4,004	45,278	1,187
1899-00	1,024	2,438	3,464	758	1,660	1,458	6,154	365	3,906	1,041	11,799	8,373	108	181	4,268	46,197	919
1900-01	1,051	2,513	3,677	773	1,686	1,533	6,323	250	3,088	1,042	12,296	8,709	119	190	4,222	47,572	1,375
1901-02	1,073	2,539	3,733	789	1,698	1,594	6,521	250	3,146	1,057	12,694	9,022	119	190	4,380	48,905	1,333
1902-03	1,286	2,615	3,841	814	1,736	1,688	6,796	250	3,184	1,070	13,023	9,215	187	153	4,676	50,534	1,629
1903-04	1,302	2,694	3,940	827	1,780	1,723	7,130	250	3,261	1,150	13,387	9,367	188	153	5,385	52,537	2,003
1904-05	1,325	2,764	4,038	877	1,812	1,768	7,525	250	3,319	1,183	13,757	9,526	178	153	5,701	54,276	1,739
1905-06	1,363	2,844	4,116	998	1,853	1,791	7,896	250	3,386	1,220	14,058	9,668	309	153	6,092	55,917	1,641
1906-07	1,378	2,937	4,249	941	1,907	1,835	8,375	250	3,398	1,282	14,328	10,207	309	153	6,430	58,078	1,161
1907-08	1,442	3,055	4,337	967	1,937	1,925	8,855	250	3,517	1,331	14,664	10,482	313	153	6,668	59,896	1,818
1908-09	1,463	3,165	4,424	1,003	1,994	1,967	9,246	250	3,529	1,373	14,986	10,687	320	153	6,885	61,445	1,549
1909-10	1,476	3,202	4,491	1,028	2,020	1,004	9,389	250	3,600	1,381	15,231	10,852	336	153	6,927	62,340	895
1910-11	1,495	3,528	4,543	1,051	2,063	1,039	9,451	250	3,636	1,410	15,535	11,435	343	153	7,055	63,687	1,347
1911-12	1,547	3,325	4,641	1,112	2,105	2,092	9,575	250	3,718	1,450	15,865	11,744	344	153	7,159	65,084	1,397
1912-13	1,587	3,430	4,735	1,157	2,134	2,155	9,826	250	3,793	1,501	16,122	12,547	351	153	7,050	67,400	2,316
1913-14	1,644	3,557	4,876	1,243	2,231	2,253	10,094	250	3,855	702	16,410	14,016	351	..	9,183	70,665	3,418

* For Key to Classification, see Tables VII and VIII.

TABLE XI.

BRANCH EVENING READING ROOMS.

Return of Monthly Issues and Attendance.

Month.	Laira.		Salisbury Road		Hyde Park Rd.	
	Issues.	Attendance.	Issues.	Attendance.	Issues.	Attendance.
1913.						
April ..	337	559	218	1,087	260	1,004
May ..	441	761	225	1,223	387	1,155
June ..	352	600	181	978	292	961
July ..	330	591	170	958	271	916
August ..	421	733	219	1,226	396	1,453
September	337	639	177	982	316	1,289
October ..	347	763	169	1,004	300	1,234
November ..	434	811	226	1,239	363	1,395
December ..	257	536	157	870	256	910
1914.						
January ..	310	652	227	1,294	381	1,343
February .	482	839	142	1,028	309	1,172
March ..	395	702	171	1,141	313	1,171
Totals ..	4,443	8,186	2,282	13,030	3,844	14,003

Table showing Progress at Branch Evening Reading Rooms.

Branch.	1912-13.		1913-14.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Issues.	Attendance.	Issues.	Attendance.	Issu's	Attd.	Issu's	Attd.
Laira ..	3,980	8,284	4,443	8,186	463	..	..	98
Salisbury Road ..	2,425	12,669	2,282	13,030	..	361	143	..
Hyde Pk. Road ..	2,392	11,898	3,844	14,003	1,452	2,105	..	..
Totals ..	8,797	32,851	10,569	35,219	1,772	2,368	..	..

TABLE XII.

The following is a List of School Libraries with number of Volumes supplied from the Central Library—

Cattedown Road	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Charles'	Boys	100
,,	Girls	50
Compton	Mixed	100
Grey Coat	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Holy Cross	Boys	50
Holy Trinity	Boys	60
Household of Faith	Girls	50
Hyde Park Road	Boys	150
,, ,, ,,	Girls	120
King Street	Boys	92
Laira Green	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Mount Street	Boys	120
,, ,,	Girls	100
North Road	Girls	100
Palace Court	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Prince Rock	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	150
St. Andrew's	Boys	75
,,	Girls	50
St. Boniface	Boys	50
St. Catharine's	Boys	25
,,	Girls	25
St. John's	Boys	120
,,	Girls	120
St. Peter's	Boys	120
,,	Girls	80
Salisbury Road	Boys	100
Sutton Road	Mixed	100
Technical Schools	Boys	76
Treville Street	Boys	100
Union Street	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	120
Wolsdon Street	Girls	100
		3443

School Libraries.

The following regulations are in force for the management of School Libraries:—

(*a*) The Principal Teachers are held responsible for the proper cataloguing, issuing, collecting, and exchanging of the books for their respective departments, but may delegate the work of registration, etc., to an Assistant Teacher, or arrange for the work to be done in rotation by all the Assistants in the School.

(*b*) On the receipt, return, or transfer of books from the Free Library, each book shall be entered on the School Catalogue in the Form determined.

(*c*) A record shall be kept in the "Lending Book" of the names and addresses of the children making use of the Library, and the date and number of each book taken out or returned. Only one work at a time shall be taken by the same child.

(*d*) The whole of the children whose names appear on the Admission Register of the Department, and who are working in or above Standard III. shall be entitled to the benefit of the Library. The Principal Teacher may, however, have the right of withholding books from those who are known to have wilfully or carelessly damaged or injured any of the books taken out of the said Libraries.

(*e*) A specified time in each week, most convenient to each particular School, shall be fixed for the issue and collection of books, which shall apply to all children referred to in Section D, and such times shall be inserted on the labels affixed to the books, and shall be exhibited on a card hung on the walls of the Schoolroom.

(*f*) A list or catalogue of the books in the School, lent by the Library Committee, shall be hung in the School where it can be easily seen and referred to by the children.

(*g*) Each set of books at certain periods shall be returned direct to the Free Library; books worn out or otherwise unfit for circulation being replaced by new copies or other works when deemed desirable. Any School Library may, however, be retained for a further term, if so desired by the Principal Teachers.

(*h*) All books in circulation. with the remaining portion of the School Library not in circulation, shall be collected together at the School for inspection twice in each year, immediately before the Summer and Winter holidays, or at such times as may be fixed by the Librarian.

(*i*) The General Rules of the Free Library Committee shall, as far as applicable, be observed, and the Teachers shall make such periodical returns as the Librarian may require.

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AND EVENING READING ROOMS.

*Presented by Publishers and others. (e) Denotes Evening Reading Rooms.

D—*Daily.* **W**—*Weekly.* **F**—*Fortnightly.* **M**—*Monthly.* **Q**—*Quarterly*

*Abolitionist	M
*Acetylene	M
Agricultural Economist	W
Animal World	M
*Animal's Friend	M
*Animal's Guardian	M
Antiquary	M
Arbitrator	M
Army List	M and Q
*Aspirant (e)	W
Athenæum	W
*Auckland Star	W
*Banner of Israel	W
Bazaar, Exchange and Mart	TRI-W
*Belfast News	W
*Bideford Weekly Gazette	W
*Bird Notes	W
Birmingham Daily Post	D
Blackpool Gazette	W
Blackwood's Magazine	M
*Bladud	W
*Board of Trade Journal	W
*Bodmin Guardian	W
Bookseller	W
*Bournemouth Visitors' Directory	W
British Esperantist	M
Boy's Own Paper	W
British Journal of Photography	M
British Printer	BI-M
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British Workman (e)	M
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Builder	W
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Burlington Magazine	M
Building World	W
*Canadian Gazette	W
*Canadian Mail	W
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Cassell's Magazine (e)	M
Cassell's Saturday Journal (e)	W
*Catholic Times	W
Century Magazine	M
Chamber's Journal (e)	M
*Charles' Parish Magazine	M
*Christian Life	W
*Christian Science Journal	M
*Christian Science Monitor	W
*Christian Science Sentinel	W
Chums (e)	W
Church Gazette	M
*Church Intelligencer	M
*Church Life Record (e)	W
*Church Quarterly Review	Q
*Church Times	W
Civilian	W
*Clarion	W
Clerk	W
*Clerk of Works Association Journal	M
*Commerce of Liverpool	M
Connoisseur	M
Contemporary Review	M
Contract Journal	W
Contractors' Record	W
*Co-operative News	W
Cornhill Magazine (e)	M
*Cornish and Devon Post	W
*Cornish Guardian	W
*Cornish Leader	W
*Cornish Post	W
*Cornish Times	W
*Cornishman	W
*Cornubian	W
*Cornwall County News	W
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County Gentleman	W
Cycling	W
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Daily Citizen (e)	D
Daily Express (e)	D
Daily Graphic (e)	D
Daily Herald	D
Daily Illustrated Mirror (e)	D
Daily Illustrated Sketch	D

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Daily News and Morning Leader (*e*)	D
Daily Telegraph (*e*)	D
*Daily Telegraph (Australia)	D
*Dartmouth Chronicle	W
*Decorators' and Painters' Magazine	M
*Defender	M
*Deliverer	M
*Devon and Exeter Daily Gazette	D
*Devon and Somerset W. News	W
Devonshire Notes and Queries	Q
Dickensian	M
*Domestic Engineering	W
*East and the West	Q
Economc Review	M
Edinburgh Review	Q
*Educational Times	M
Electrical Review	W
Electrician	W
Engineer (*e*)	W
Engineering	W
Engineering Magazine	M
*English Churchman	W
English Mechanic (*e*)	W
English Review	M
Era	W
Exeter Diocesan Gazette	M
Family Friend	M
*Ferro Concrete	
Field	W
Financial News	D
*Fish Trades Gazette	
*Foresters' Miscellany	M
Fortnightly Review	F
*Fra	
*Free Trader	M
*Freeman's Journal	D
*Freeman's Weekly	W
Gardener (*e*)	W
Gardener's Magazine	W
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Globe	D
*Good Templars' Watchword	W
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*Great Western Magazine (*e*)	M
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*Herald of the Golden Age	W
*Herald of Health	M
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Lady's Field	W
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Librarian	M
Library World	M
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*Local Government Chronicle	W
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Manchester Guardian	D
*Mariner	M
*Maritime Review	
*Melbourne Age	W
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*Mid-Devon Advertiser	W
*Mission Field	M
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*Month (Catholic Magazine)	M
Morning Post (*e*)	D
*Motor Traction	W
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*Musical Herald	M
Musical Times	M
*Musician's Monthly Journal	M
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Nation (*e*)	W
*Nation in Arms	M
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Nature	W
Nautical Magazine	M
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Naval and Military Record (*e*)	W
*Navy League Journal	M
Navy List	M and Q
Navy List, Lean's Royal	Q
*New Church Magazine	M
*Newquay Express	W
*New Zealand Farmer	M
Newton Times	W

Nineteenth Century	M
*North Devon Herald	W
*Northern Whig	D
Notes and Queries	W
*Notes on Tariff Reform	M
*Nottingham Daily Express	D
*One and All	M
*Our Own Gazette	M
*Our Work	M
Outlook (*e*)	W
*Palestine Exploration Statement	Q
Pall Mall Gazette	D
Pall Mall Magazine (*e*)	M
*Paper Maker	M
*Patent Office Index	M
*Patent Office Journal	W
*Patent Office Journal (Australian)	W
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Pearson's Weekly (*e*)	W
Penny Magazine (*e*)	W
Penny Pictorial Magazine (*e*)	W
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*Plumbing Trade Journal	M
*Poor Law Officer's Journal	W
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*Present Truth	W
*Printer's Register	M
Public Opinion (*e*)	W
Publisher's Circular	W
Punch (*e*)	W
Quarterly Review	Q
Queen (*e*)	W
*Queensland Government Gazette	M
*Queensland Government Mining Journal	M
Quiver (*e*)	M
*Register of Deceased Seamen	M
*Reports—Marine Department, Board of Trade	M
Review of Reviews (*e*)	M
Reynold's Newspaper	W
*Royal Cornwall Gazette	W
*St. Andrew's Parochial Magazine	M
*St. Augustine's Parochial Magazine (*e*)	M
St. James' Gazette	D
*Salcombe Times	W
Saltash Gazette	W
Saturday Review	W
*Scotsman	W
Scribner's Magazine	M
*Secretary	W
Shipping Gazette and Lloyd's List	D
Shipping Weekly Summary	W
*Shipping World	W
Shop Assistant	W
*Shorthand Gazette	M
Sketch (*e*)	W
*Social Democrat	M
*South Australian Register	W
South Wales Argus	D
Spectator	W
Sphere (*e*)	W
*Staffordshire Advertiser	W
*Staffordshire Sentinel	W
Stage	W
Standard (*e*)	D
Statesman (*e*)	W
*State Correspondent	M
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Strand Magazine (*e*)	M
*Student's Journal	M
Studio	M
Sunday at Home (*e*)	M
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Tatler	W
Tavistock Gazette	W
*Temperance Advocate	W
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Times	D
Torbay News	W
*Torquay Directory	W
*Totnes Times	W
T.P.'s Weekly (*e*)	W
Trade Marks Journal	W
Trade Marks Journal (Australian)	W
Truth	W
*United Empire	M
*University Correspondent	F
Vancouver Daily Province	D
Vanity Fair	W
*Vegetarian Messenger	M
*Vulcan	M
*Weekly Dispatch	W
*West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser	W
West Cornwall Advertiser	W
Western Daily Mercury (*e*)	D
Western Daily Press (Bristol)	D
Western Evening Herald (*e*)	D
*Western Guardian	W
Western Independent (*e*)	W
Western Morning News (*e*)	D
*Western Times	D
Western Weekly Mercury (*e*)	W
Westminster Gazette	D and W
*Weston-super-Mare Gazette	W
Wide World Magazine	M
Windsor Magazine (*e*)	M
Woman at Home (*e*)	M
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3966 Cornwall Coast. Salmon.
3967 South Devon and Dorset Coast. Heath.
3968 Kent Coast. Hannah.
3969 Sussex Coast. Hannah.
3965 Highways and Byways in Shakespeare's Country. Hutton.
3962-63 Across Unknown South America. (2 vols.). Landor.
3961 Western Rebellion of 1549. Rose-Troup.
3960 Paris Nights. Bennett.
3959 Land of the Blue Poppy. Ward.
3957 Among Indian Rajahs and Ryots. Fraser.
3956 Major Operations of the Navies in the War of American Independence. Mahan.
3954 Imperial Germany. Von Bülow.
3955 Hellas and the Balkan Wars. Cassavetti.
3952 Arctic Prairies. Seton.
3949 Passing of the Turkish Empire. Baker.
3944 Through Dante's Land. Grant.
3942 Real Mexico. Fyfe.
3940 Egypt in Transition. Low.
3939 Modern Mexico. Mac Hugh.
3937 Country of "The Ring and the Book." Treves.
3935-36 Venice (2 vols.). Molmenti.
3933-34 Napoleon in Caricature. Broadley.
3945 Tower of the Mirrors. Lee.
3958 My Life in Sarawak. Ranee of Sarawak.
3975 Truth about Ulster. Moore.

Class D.—Education, Political Economy, &c.

1205 Social Environment and Moral Progress. Wallace.
1206 Fifty Years of Work without Wages. Rowley.
1198-99 American and English Studies (2 vols.). Reid.
1194 Social Work in London. Bosanquet.
1195 Life and Human Nature. Fuller.
1193 Farm Labourer. Dunlop.
1192 England's Peasantry. Jessopp.
1190-91 Colonization of Rural Britain (2 vols.). Collings.
1188 Way to Industrial Peace. Rowntree
1186 Rural Problem Harben.

1185 Foundations of International Polity. Angell.
1184 Ownership, Tenure, and Taxation of Land. Whittaker.
1183 Task of Social Hygiene. Ellis.
1180 History of Labour Representation. Humphrey.
1179 Criminal and the Community. Devan.
1178 English Village Community. Seebohm.
1171 Revolt of Democracy. Wallace.
1170 Health of the State. Newman.
1169 La Femme de Demain. Lamy.
1168 L'Ennemi des lois. Barrès.
1167 English Political Institutions. Marriott.
1166 Political and Literary Essays. Cromer.
1165 Pilgrimage of British Farming. Hall.
1164 Parliament and the People. Masterman.
1162 Occupying Ownership of Land. Tollemache.
1160 Round about a Pound a Week. Reeves.
1159 Capture at Sea. Loreburn.
1158 Future of the Women's Movement. Swanwick.
1156 English Farming. Prothero.
1155 History of the British Constitution. Masterman.
1154 Germany and the Germans. Collier.
1152 Trade Unions. Clayton.
1144 How France is Governed. Poincaré.
1142 English Local Government. Webb.
1111 Psychology of Revolution. Le Bon.
1109 History of Factory Legislation. Hutchins.
1108 Crime of War. Alberdi.
1103 Wards of the State. Hopkins.
1101 Tyranny of the Countryside. Green.

Class E.—Arts, Sciences, and Natural History.

2123 Antarctic Penguins. Levick.
2124 Book of the Lion. Pease.
2081 Growth of Europe. Cole.
2079 Animal Flight. Hunkin.
2078 Greek Sculpture and Modern Art. Waldstein.
2077 Mental Deficiency (Amentia). Tredgold.
2076 English Home. Fletcher.
2075 Fern World. Heath.
2074 Steamships and their Story. Chatterton.
2073 Warships and their Story. Fletcher.
2072 Quiet Hours with Nature. Brightwen.
2071 Nature Studies by Night and Day. Snell.
2058 Athens and its Monuments. Weller.
2057 Evolution in the Past. Knipe.
2056 Story of Evolution. McCabe.
2055 Country Day by Day. Robinson.
2052 Hypnotism, its History, Practice, etc. Bramwell.
2048 Life of the Fly. Fabre.
2047 Book of Winter Sports. Syers.
2046 Wild Nature and Country Life.
2045 Chats on Photography. Wallington.
2013 Aviation, its Principles, its Present and Future. Walker.
2012 Practical Astronomy. Macpherson.
1983 Flowerless Plants. Bastin.
1984 Social Life in the Insect World. Fabre.
1985 Creative Evolution. Bergson.
2083-2122 Ruskin's Works (40 volumes).

Class F.—Poetry, Drama, Classics, &c.

2075 Vision of St. Christopher. Fryer.
2074 Shakespeare Personality. Masson.
2073 Dickens and the Drama. FitzGerald.
2069 Baconian Heresy. Robertson.
2068 Literary Taste: How to form it. Bennett.
2066 Clio, a Muse. Trevelyan.
2065 French Profiles. Gosse.
2064 Critical Kit-Kats. Gosse.
2063 La Chanson de Roland. Gautier.
2062 Lectures on Dryden. Verrall.
2061 Lonely Dancer. Le Gallienne.
2060 Melting Pot. Zangwill.
2059 History of Ancient Greek Literature. Murray.
2058 Tragedy of Pompey the Great. Masefield.
2057 Poems of James Clarence Mangan. *Ed.* by O'Donoghue.
2056 "Salvage," "Harvest of Chaff," "Borrowed Plumes." Seamen.
2045-53 Plays by W. S. Maughan.
2044 History of English Prose Rhythm. Saintsbury.
2043 Miscellany of Men. Chesterton.
2039 Daffodil Fields. Masefield.
2038 Helen Redeemed and other poems. Hewlett.
2037 Booklover's London. Adcock.
2036 English Literature (1880-1905). Kennedy.
2035 Comedy of Manners. Palmer.
2029 Songs from Books. Kipling.
2026-8 History of English Prosody (3 vols.). Saintsbury.
2025 Bookman's Letters. Nicoll.
2024 How to Read Shakespeare. Stalker.
2023 Quintessence of Ibsenism. Shaw.
2022 Mythological Rhymes. Baggorre.
2021 John M. Synge and the Irish Theatre. Bourgeois.
2020 Gathering of Brother Hilarius. Fairless.

Class K.—REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Guide to the Best Fiction. Baker.
Some Dorset Manor Houses. Heath and Prideaux.
Official Diary of Lieut.-Gen. Adam Williamson, 1722-1747. (Camden 3rd Series, Vol. 22.)
Selections from the Correspondence of Arthur Capel, Earl of Essex, 1675-77. (Camden 3rd Series, Vol. 34.)
English Merchants and the Spanish Inquisition in the Canaries. Alberti and Chapman.
Archæological Journal, Vol. 69.
Bibliographia Boltoniensis. Sparke.
English Costume. Calthrop.
Kate Greenaway. Layard.
Surrey. Palmer.
Sicily. Pisa.
Chester. Compton.
Gardens of England. Parsons.
Pompeii. Pisa.
Notice sur Relief de Rome Imperiál (with Map).
Byzantine and Romanesque Architecture (2 vols.). Jackson.
National Antarctic Expedition, 1901-4. Meteorology, Pt. 2. Hepworth.
A.B.C. of Collecting Old Continental Pottery. Blacker.
Romance of Symbolism. Heath.
Transactions of the Royal Historical Society. (3rd Series, Vol. VII.)
Great Painter Etchers. Salaman.

Standard Books (4 vols.).
Edinburgh. Masson.
John Lucas. Lucas.
Chats on Old Coins. Burgess.
Pedigrees from the Visitation of Hampshire (Harleian Soc., Vol. 64).. Rylands.
Registers of All Hallows, Bread Street, London (Harliean Soc. Registers, Vol. 42). Bannerman.
French Cathedrals. Pennell.
Collectanea Franciscana I. Little and others.
English Church Architecture (2 vols.). Bond.
Plutarch's Lives (5 vols.).
Plutarch's Morals (5 vols.).
Display of Heraldry (6th Edn. 1724). Guillim.
Flaubert's Works. (10 vols.).
Oxford History of Music (6 vols.).
Ludwig Hoffmann. Stahl.
The Dynasts. Hardy.
Wessex Poems. Hardy.
European Enamels (Connoisseur Library). Cunynghame.
Porcelain (Connoisseur Library). Dillon.
Illuminated Manuscripts (Connoisseur Library). Herbert.
Ivories (Connoisseur Library). Maskell.
Miniatures (Connoiseur Library). Heath.
Hans Holbein the Younger (2 vols). Chamberlain.
Luxembourg Museum. Benedite.
Baedeker's Guides :—
Egypt and the Soudan.
Northern Germany.
Paris and Environs.
Italy.
Spain and Portugal.
Switzerland.
Works of Dr. Samuel Johnson (12 vols. 1806).
Works of John Ruskin (39 vols.).
History of the Royal Society of Arts. Wood.
British Museum Publications :—
Catalogue of Books and Manuscripts, Vol. 4, P.-SN.
Catalogue of Ungulate Mammals, Vols. 1, 2. Lydekker.
Catalogue of Lepidophera Phalaenæ, Vols. 12, 13 (with plates).
Monograph of Genus Sabicia. Wernham.
Catalogue of the Mesozic Plants. Pt. 1. Stope.
Revision of the Ichneumonidæ, Pt. III. Morley.
Report on Cetacea, 1913.
Historical Manuscripts Commission :—
MSS. of Allan George Finish, Esq., Vol. 1.
MSS. Various Collections, Vols. 7 and 8.
Also the following Annuals:—
Annual Register, Britannic Year Book, Burdett's Hospitals and Charities, Catholic Directory, Civil Service Manual, Clegg's Directory of Booksellers, County Councils' Municipal Corporation's Companion, Crockford's Clerical Directory, Debrett's Peerage, Doidge's Annual, English Catalogue of Books, English Women's Year Book, Exeter Diocesan Kalendar, Hazell's Annual, Literary Year Book, Medical Directory, Naval Annual, Navy League Annual, Royal Academy Pictures, R.I.B.A. Kalendar, Shipping World Year Book, Statesman's Year Book, Stock Exchange Year Book, Studio Year Book, Truro Diocesan Kalendar, Whitaker's Almanac, Whitaker's Red Book of Commerce, Who's Who, Who's Who in Science, Year Book of Wireless Telegraphy.

Class L—Devon and Cornwall Department.

Marlborough. Saintsbury.
John Opie and His Circle. Earland.
Charm of the West Country. Burke.
Curtain Raisers (Plays). Phillpotts.
The Shadow (Play). Phillpotts.
The Mother (Play). Phillpotts.
Western Rebellion of 1549. Rose-Troup.
Spanish Armada. Lathbury.
Robert Herrick. Dellatre.
Widicombe Fair. Phillpotts.
Joy of Youth. Phillpotts.
Tawstock Church. Wrey.
Romance of Tristram and Iseult. Simmonds.
Coleridge and Wordsworth. Knight.
Power Behind. Willcocks.
News from the Duchy. Quiller-Couch.
Hocken and Hunken. Quiller-Couch.
History of Plimouth Plantation. Bradford.
History of Devonshire. Wear-Gifford.
Life of Sir Humphrey Gilbert. Gosling.
The Master. Hole.
Cornwall Parish Registers, Vol. 22.
Down in Devon. *Uncle Tom Cobleigh.*
Cornish Catches. Moore.
Poems. Layland-Barratt.
Church Revival. Baring-Gould.
Samuel Foote. Fitzgerald.
Devonshire. Knight and Dutton.
Devonshire Parish Registers, Vol. I.
Ancient Stone Crosses of Dartmoor. Crossing.
Cornish Surnames. Charnock.
Voyage of the *Discovery.* Scott.
Beginnings of Colonial Maine. Burrage.

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH.

Free Public Libraries

AND NEWSROOMS.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE LIBRARIES COMMITTEE.

(For the Year ended March 31st, 1915).

1914-15.

DEVONPORT:
SWISS & CO., PRINTERS, 111 & 112 FORE STREET.

PLYMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Councillor T. Baker, J.P., Mayor.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

1914–15.

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LIBRARY STAFF.

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Assistants—L. ANNEAR, F. WALDRON.
Attendant, Magazine Room—W. T. CANN.
Attendant, Devon and Cornwall Library—F. DURHAM
Librarian, Devonport—W. D. RUTTER.
Chief Assistant—A. G. LAWS.
Assistants—F. BENNETT, L. STONE, W. SHORT.

LIBRARY CHRONOLOGY.

1871 Library Acts adopted.
1876 Librarian appointed.
Library formally opened.
1879 Opening of Reference Library.
1885 Annual Meeting of the Library Association at Plymouth.
1886 Death of Mr. R. C. Serpell, founder of the Library.
1888 Establishment of School Libraries.
1897 Visit of American Librarians to Plymouth.
1901 Annual Meeting of the Library Association at Plymouth.
1906 Mr. Andrew Carnegie's offer accepted.
1907 Laying of Foundation Stone, New Library (J. F. Winnicott Esq., J.P., Mayor).
1910 Official Opening of New Library, (J. Yeo, Esq., J.P Mayor).
1915 Death of Mr. W. H. K. Wright, Borough Librarian.

Population of Plymouth, 1876	...	about 70,000
,, ,, 1915	...	213,759
Area of the Borough	... ...	acres 5,935
Rateable value of Plymouth, 1871		£166,332
,, ,, 1915		£916,635
Population of Devonport (Census 1911)		81,694
Area		acres 3,176
Rateable Value		£326,158
Librarian, Devonport (Mr. Wm. D. Rutter) appointed		1905

COUNTY BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

REPORT, 1914-15.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the County Borough of Plymouth.

GENTLEMEN,

The Committee have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report, being the thirty-eighth since the opening of the Library in 1876, and the first since the unification of the Three Towns.

The Committee regret to have to record the death of their late Borough Librarian, after a brief illness on the 27th of April last (since the close of the Municipal year). Mr. Wright received his appointment in the year 1876. The Committee desire to place on record their appreciation of his 39 years faithful service and unfailing devotion to the duties of his office.

An important event during the year is the amalgamation of the Three Towns of Plymouth, Devonport and Stonehouse, which has increased the population served by the Committee from 113,314 to 213,759, the area from 2533 to 5935 acres, and the rateable value from £606,456 to £916,635.

No immediate alteration has been suggested in the present general arrangements, except that in the Stonehouse area, where no Library has previously existed, it is proposed to establish a Branch Reading Room and Lending Library at the Stonehouse Town Hall.

The Committee fully realize their increased responsibility, and opportunities for service; and, although at the present time of National Crisis it is not felt expedient to suggest any large expenditure, it is hoped that in the near future sufficient funds will be available to re-organize and extend the work of the Branches, so that the inhabitants of the distant parts of the Borough may be served with greater efficiency.

In the Plymouth area the total recorded issues of Books in all departments during the year is 353,884. Of this number 64,048 were consulted in the Reference Library. 289,836 volumes were issued from the Central Lending Library, and 8,030 from the Branches.

In the Devonport Area the total recorded issues of Books in all departments during the year is 117,763. Of this number 33,956 were consulted in the Reference Library. 83,807 volumes were issued from the Central Lending Library, and 42,760 from the Branches.

The number of new tickets issued during the year in the Plymouth Area was 2733, distributed as follow:—2607 at the Central Lending Library (including 516 students Tickets), and 126 at the Branches.

The number of new Tickets issued during the year in the Devonport Area was 2670, distributed as follow:—1631 at the Central Lending Library (including 62 students tickets), and 1039 at the Branches.

Owing to the closing of the Hyde Park and Salisbury Road Council Schools (now being used as Military Hospitals) these Branches have been abandoned until some other accommodation is available.

The Saturday afternoon Lectures during the past winter have been very popular, and on several occasions the accommodation has been inadequate. Occasional Lectures have also been held at the Devonport Library, which have been well attended. The Committee wish to express their indebtedness to the Lecturers, and to all who have contributed to their success.

The Exhibition of Books, Prints and Autographs, held in the months of July, August, and September, from the Exhibitors point of view may be regarded as having been a great success; but the attendance of the general public was somewhat disappointing

The introduction of the open access system, enabling borrowers to make their own selection in all departments excepting Fiction, has been much appreciated. The change has made necessary certain structural alterations, which required much assistance from the Staff, in order to bring the work to a successful issue.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

J. F. Winnicott, *Chairman.*

TABLE I.

ADDITIONS MADE TO THE LIBRARY.

Class Letter	Works as Classified.	Central No. of Volumes.			Devonport No. of Volumes.		
		1914	1915	Increase 1915	1914	1915	Increase 1915
A	Theology, Religion, and Philosophy ...	1644	1700	56	500	509	9
B	Biography and Correspondence ...	3557	3702	145	1299	1410	111
C	History, Voyages, and Travels ...	4876	5041	165	2882	3031	149
D	Education, Political Economy, &c. ...	1243	1308	65	521	549	28
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History ...	2231	2304	73	2132	1595	.....
F	Poetry, Classics, and the Drama ...	2253	2377	124	583	595	12
G	Prose Fiction	10094	*8544	.....	6745	7627	882
H	Miscellaneous Works	250	250	.....	621	634	13
I	Magazines and Reviews	3855	3888	33	2747	3078	331
M	Music	351	351	.....	94	100	6
J S	Juvenile Books, including School Libraries	9885	*9563	.....	1716	1892	176
K	Reference Works (Reference Library) .	16410	16616	206	7600	7615	15
L	Devon and Cornwall Library	14016	15277	1261			
	Totals ...	70665	70921	2128	27440	28635	1732
	*1550 Vols. withdrawn from Class G.						
	*322 ,, ,, ,, Classes J. & S.						
D	*537 ,, ,, ,, Class E.						

TABLE II.

REGISTER OF BORROWERS.

Borrowers' Tickets issued previously, as per Thirty-seven published Reports	102041
Borrowers' Tickets issued since the publication of the last Report	2091
Students' Tickets	516
Laira Branch	69
Salisbury Road Branch	5
Hyde Park Road Branch	52
	104774

TABLE III.

Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year, with reasons assigned.

Borrowers left the town	49
,, deceased	6
,, withdrawn	27
Guarantor withdrawn	5
Cancelled (unclaimed)	57
	144

TABLE IV.

Ages of Borrowers enrolled during the 12 months ended March 31st, 1915.

			Central.	Devonport Area.
Under 15 years			392	450
From 15 to 20 years			518	676
,, 20 to 25 ,, ...			374	271
,, 25 to 30 ,, ...			320	200
,, 30 to 40 ,, ...			198	228
,, 40 to 50 ,, ...			170	118
,, 50 to 60 ,, ...			80	43
,, 60 to 70 ,, ...			—	37
,, 70 to 80 ,, ...			—	14
Ages not recorded :	Burgesses	495	—	—
,,	Non-Burgesses ...	186	—	—
			681	633
			2733	2670

TABLE V.

Central Library.

Residential Distribution of Borrowers.

WARD.	Burgesses.	Non-Burgesses.	WARD.	Burgesses.	Non-Burgesses.	Total.
Vintry	16	36	*Ford	3	5	—
St. Andrew's ...	42	98	Keyham	4	6	—
Hoe	39	105	Molesworth ...	5	12	—
Millbay	36	96	Mt. Edgecumbe .	3	14	—
St. Peter's ...	40	106	Nelson	—	7	—
Frankfort ...	30	146	Pennycross ...	11	9	—
Drake's	72	176	St. Budeaux ...	1	2	—
Charles' ...	80	260	Stoke	16	20	—
Greenbank ...	66	134	Valletort	5	4	—
Mutley	97	206				
Compton ...	89	122				
Laira	77	168				
Friary	42	74				
Sutton	32	86				
Non-Residents .	—	35				
	758	1848		48	79	2733

*New Wards incorporated Nov. 9th, 1914.

Duke Street Library, Devonport.

Wards in which Borrowers reside :—

St. Aubyn	202	Princes	59
Clarence	121	Pennycross	209
Clowance	68	Stoke	208
Ford	412	Station	93
St. Johns	91	Tamar	55
Keyham	340	Tamerton	292
Molesworth	247	Laira	1
Morice	85	Mount Edgecumbe ...	5
Nelson	180	Mutley	2
		Total	2670

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

TABLE VI.

Occupation of Borrowers. 1914-15.

Classification	*No.*
Accountants, Clerks, &c.	156
Agents and Managers	33
Apprentices	52
Architects	5
Assistants, Shop ...	170
Bakers and Confectioners	20
Boot and Shoe Makers	6
Builders and Contractors	4
Butchers, &c. ...	3
Cabinet Makers, Carpenters, and Joiners ...	53
Chemists, Druggists, &c.	10
Civil Service Officials	26
Clergy and Ministers	8
Commercial Travellers	26
Customs and Board of Trade Officials ...	16
Dairymen, Gardeners, &c.	18
Dentists	46
Domestic Servants ...	24
Drapers	9
Electricians	30
Engineers and Engine Fitters	29
Engravers and Lithographers	6
Errand Boys, Office Boys, and Messengers ...	45
Foremen	14
Grocers and Tea Dealers	26
Hair Dressers ...	14
Housekeepers ...	18
Inspectors	4
Ironmongers ...	3
Journalists, Reporters, &c.	8
Labourers and Porters	18
Laundresses	8
Machinists	9

Classification.	*No*
Married Women (so specified) ...	120
Masons and Plasterers	6
Merchants and Manufacturers ...	8
Milliners and Dressmakers	30
Musicians, Tuners, &c.	8
Nurses	20
Officers, Army and Navy	19
Painters and Decorators	22
Pensioners	68
Photographers ...	8
Plumbers and Gasfitters	19
Printers and Compositors	20
Railway Officials ...	19
School Children and Students	450
Schoolmasters, Mistresses, and Teachers ...	32
Shipwrights	22
Shopkeepers	19
Smiths, Stokers, &c.	9
Solicitors	10
Spinsters (so specified)	33
Surveyors	9
Tailors and Outfitters, &c.	20
Tobacconists	8
Typists	22
Upholsterers	6
Waiters and Waitresses	18
Warehousemen ...	14
Watchmakers, Jewellers, &c	6
Widows (so specified)	20
Occupations not recorded, or persons having no settled occupation	752
Total	2733

DEVONPORT LIBRARY, DUKE STREET.

TABLE VI.—*Continued.*

Occupation of Borrowers, 1914-1915.

Classification.	*No.*	*Classification.*	*No.*
Accountants	12	Engine Cleaners ...	6
Actors...	4	Engine Drivers ...	4
Actresses	3	Engravers	8
Architects	7	Errand Boys	22
Attendance Officers ...	4	Farmers	10
Bakers and Confectioners	20	Fitters	89
Bandsmen	15	Florists	3
Barmen	5	Foremen	24
Blacksmiths	14	Founders	4
Boatswains, R.N. ...	6	Gilders	6
Boilermakers ...	60	Governesses	11
Bootmakers	4	Grocers	45
Builders	10	Gunners, R.N. ...	19
Butchers	13	Hairdressers	22
Captains	3	Hammermen ...	7
Caretakers	6	House Furnishers ...	13
Carpenters	44	Housekeepers ...	280
Carriage Builders ...	4	Insurance Agents ...	51
Cashiers	26	Ironmongers ...	9
Chargemen	15	Jewellers	7
Chauffeurs	10	Journalists	3
Chemists	9	Labourers	69
Cinematograph Operators	4	Laundresses	4
Clerks of Works ...	2	Licensed Victuallers	14
Clerks	81	Lieutenants	17
Constructors	2	Managers	14
Cooks	14	Manageresses ...	23
Cycle Dealers ...	5	Marine Firemen ...	12
Deputy Surgeon-General	1	Market Gardeners ...	16
Doctors	7	Messengers	26
Domestic Servants ...	46	Messmen	4
Draughtsmen ...	32	Milliners	29
Dressmakers	30	Mining Engineers ...	3
Drillers	10	Ministers	13
Electricians	32	Motor Mechanics ...	9
Engine-Room Artificers	19	Moulders	6
Engineer-Commanders	4	Musical Directors ...	5
Engineer-Lieutenants	5	Nurses	24
Engineers	54	Opticians	4

TABLE VI.—*Continued.*

Classification.	*No.*	*Classification.*	*No.*
Outfitters	26	Shop Assistants ...	64
Overseers	13	Sign Writers	13
Painters	22	Signalmen	5
Pattern Makers ...	5	Soldiers	56
Paymaster-in-Chief ...	1	Solicitors	4
Pensioners	66	Stewardess	1
Photographers ...	9	Storehousemen ...	20
Pianoforte Tuner ...	1	Tailors	13
Plumbers	16	Tailoresses	24
Police Constables ...	10	Tax Collectors ...	3
Porters	10	Teachers	84
Rate Collectors ...	3	Tobacconists	15
Recorders	8	Tram Drivers ...	5
Relieving Officers ...	4	Travellers	9
Riggers	10	Typists	23
Ropemakers	5	Upholstress	1
Sailmakers	4	Watchmakers ...	5
Sailors	56	Weighing Machine Maker	1
Salesmen	5	Writers	33
Sanitary Inspectors ...	5		
Scholars	303		2670
Secretaries	9		
Shipwrights	123		

TABLE VII.

Return of Issues in the Central and Branch Lending Departments, from April 1st, 1914, to March 31st, 1915, with Monthly Totals and Averages.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Theology and Philosophy.	B—Biography and Correspondence.	C—History, Voyages and Travels.	D—Political Econ. and Education.	E—Art, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Classics, and Drama.	G—Prose Fiction.	I—Magazines and Reviews.	J—Juvenile Works.	L—Local Works.	M—Musical Works.	R—Books.	S & T—Schools and Evening Branches.	TOTALS.	Daily Average.
1914.																
April ...	24	289	552	612	281	464	627	7828	800	1714	842	149	76	13358	27592	1149
May ...	26	312	610	598	254	396	649	7994	856	1916	885	171	82	13561	29084	1110
June ...	25	278	571	622	301	374	592	7892	838	1821	864	158	74	13312	27697	1107
July ...	27	324	642	694	344	482	671	7996	910	1914	936	192	88	13316	28509	1055
August ...	25	269	508	656	296	358	619	7864	792	1762	799	166	72	12853	27014	1080
September	26	351	583	701	243	384	587	8041	854	1804	741	182	86	12654	27211	1046
October ...	27	339	622	677	271	345	554	8188	936	1921	828	196	92	13207	28179	1043
November...	24	255	539	583	252	359	580	7856	784	1692	782	134	68	13129	27013	1125
December	*17 *24	182	391	422	196	212	306	4512	508	998	564	98	47	13017	21453	*196 †542
1915.																
January ...	25													13163	13163	‡527
February ...	24													13102	13102	†546
March ...	‡15 ‡27	264	412	489	201	348	298	3709	582	842	406	112	38	12118	19819	‡513 †448
	‡236 ‡304	2863	5430	6054	2642	3722	5483	71880	7860	16384	7647	1558	723	156790	289836	‡563 †515

* Central Lending Library was closed from December 21st, 1914, to March 13th, 1915, for alterations.
‡ Central Lending Library.
† Schools and Branches.

TABLE VIII.

DEVONPORT LIBRARY, DUKE STREET.

LENDING LIBRARY. This Department is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

1914—1915	A Theology and Philosophy.	B Biography and Correspondence.	C History, Travel and Adventure.	D Law and Logic.	E Art, Science and Literature	F Poetry and Drama.	G Fiction.	H Miscellaneous	I Magazines.	J Juvenile Literature.	K Reference.	M Music.	Days Open.	Total Issues.	Daily Average
Feb. 7th to Feb. 28th	54	56	162	31	262	59	4444	64	223	942	2755	47	19	9099	478
March	55	92	201	41	349	79	5893	84	293	1231	3526	71	26	11918	458
April	53	61	202	38	312	69	5348	19	260	1180	2967	61	23	10600	460
May	61	79	203	40	413	65	5646	78	272	1283	3381	73	26	11594	445
June	47	56	184	34	332	47	5141	57	243	1093	3107	61	21	10402	433
*July	21	38	78	12	142	22	2175	22	125	592	1127	19	11	4673	424
August	52	86	175	37	271	59	4949	52	271	1211	3108	68	25	10342	413
September	51	85	223	45	314	59	5088	60	290	1321	3219	65	26	10820	416
October	60	69	201	45	309	63	5558	50	322	1420	3331	71	27	11502	426
November	55	68	181	36	311	63	5064	71	357	1379	2849	65	25	10502	420
December	41	56	138	21	304	51	4330	48	322	1186	2322	66	23	8885	386
1915															
*January	18	33	92	16	170	28	2487	32	172	687	1307	45	12	5087	423
Feb. 1st to 6th ...	13	12	57	8	74	14	1052	11	85	336	657	20	6	2339	389
Total 1914–1915 ...	581	791	2097	404	3566	678	57175	678	3235	13867	33956	735	273	117763	431

TABLE IX.

CENTRAL LIBRARY. Works consulted in the Reference Department (including Devon and Cornwall Books) from April 1st, 1914, to March 31st, 1915, inclusive.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A Biblical and Religious Works.	B Biographical Works.	C General History, Travels &c.	D Dictionaries, Encyclopædias, and other comprehensive Works.	E Arts, Science, and Natural History.	F Poetry, Drama, and the Classics.	G Fiction and General Literature.	H Heraldic and Genealogical Works.	I Magazines, Reviews, and Newspapers.	J General Topographical Works.	L Works relating to Devon and Cornwall.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1914.														
April ...	24	254	391	502	748	391	431	25	554	786	431	572	5085	211
May ...	26	285	456	484	902	411	559	31	514	896	451	602	5591	215
June ...	25	209	410	451	792	375	425	19	591	844	466	572	5154	206
July ...	27	321	484	502	916	354	528	36	492	857	442	629	5561	205
August ...	25	230	403	509	742	401	488	27	504	881	544	562	5291	211
September	26	259	398	522	864	389	479	38	651	895	446	541	5482	210
October ...	27	339	471	562	874	421	501	29	582	888	432	685	5784	214
November	24	228	342	496	742	412	399	26	562	799	429	581	5016	209
December	24	278	361	508	716	320	484	20	610	739	531	542	5109	212
1915.														
January ...	25	232	398	464	756	374	514	28	547	823	508	617	5261	210
February	24	243	387	492	729	328	464	34	591	771	477	582	5098	212
March ...	27	311	421	459	928	432	552	42	536	884	488	563	5616	208
Totals ...	304	3189	4922	5951	9709	4608	5824	355	6734	10063	5645	7048	64048	210

TABLE X.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Statement of the work of the Library in all Departments comprised in the thirty-eight published Reports.

Year.	Days Open	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	R	S & T	Totals.	Daily Average
1876–90	3778	16,632	47,866	116,570	8,688	46,171	29,684	922,765	29,903	146,723	352,802	315,167	52,363	—	—	—	2,085,250	551
1890–91	286	777	2,474	6,971	358	2,207	1,095	64,813	2,038	9,362	101,401	32,133	5,217	—	—	—	231,852	810
1891–92	290	815	2,189	6,579	182	2,339	1,352	59,889	1,204	8,783	88,819	13,252	3,835	—	—	11,350	231,188	797
1892–93	285	711	2,010	4,615	590	2,275	1,032	56,457	859	8,909	12,977	49,151	393	—	—	112,365	252,344	88[illegible]
1893–94	288	963	1,818	4,920	798	2,381	1,013	57,629	1,071	7,997	15,065	52,111	847	—	—	154,500	301,119	1,0[illegible]
1894–95	285	1,073	2,022	4,381	819	2,138	758	54,932	987	6,081	14,564	58,366	1,811	—	—	144,667	292,599	1[illegible]
1895–96	112	467	958	2,340	189	1,175	178	25,545	434	2,957	7,224	21,224	1,235	—	—	128,705	192,931	1,[illegible]
1906–07	291 301	2,797	5,086	7,017	2,845	7,395	3,938	96,930	—	9,839	20,392	71,347	8,129	1,873	153	200,285	441,026	1247 L.D. 247 R.D.
1907–08	299 309	3,426	5,804	7,381	3,195	7,716	4,738	102,513	—	9,778	22,246	76,770	8,801	2,507	153	199,492	454,[illegible]50	1263 L.D. 248 R.D.
1908–09	293 307	3,181	5,809	7,065	2,966	7,200	4,803	105,306	—	10,012	21,560	76,357	9,056	2,147	153	192,445	448,060	1268 L.D. 248 R.D.
1909–10	294 300	2,888	5,213	6,078	2,718	6,058	4,121	107,443	—	8,112	18,097	74,121	8,065	1,977	153	182,694	428,041	1203 L.D. 247 R.D.
1910–11	221 220	3,954	5,586	6,819	2,327	5,710	6,188	85,536	—	7,681	15,098	64,080	7,428	1,804	153	142,646	355,510	1317 L.D. 288 R.D.
1911–12	299 300	3,977	5,642	7,167	2,403	6,550	7,421	94,980	—	6,705	18,964	61,691	8,439	2,286	153	184,227	413,905	1167 L.D. 215 R.D.
1912–13	294 304	3,155	4,529	6,000	1,867	6,402	7,598	92,887	—	7,506	18,100	65,241	10,251	2,426	153	169,275	395,393	1122 L.D. 214 R.D.
1913–14	299 308	3,601	6,177	7,015	2,905	5,838	7,459	92,439	—	8,188	18,866	66,071	10,943	2,142	136	179,506	402,277	1124 L.D. 214 R.D.
1914–15	236 304	2,863	5,430	6,054	2,642	3,722	5,483	71,880	—	7,860	16,384	64,048	7,647	1,558	728	156,790	353,884	1078 L.D. 210 R.D.

TABLE XI.

DEVONPORT LIBRARY, DUKE STREET. Issues from 1882 to 1915.

Year.	A Theology.	B Biography.	C History.	D Law and Logic.	E Art and Science.	F Poetry and Drama.	G Fiction.	H Miscel-laneous.	I Magazines.	J Juvenile Literature.	K Reference.	M Music.	Total.	Days Open.
1882—3	248	1705	4385	311	1959	771	58867	783	2149	1927	230	—	73335	278
1892—3	81	438	1637	86	743	108	20611	244	1103	6035	8035	—	39121	262
1902—3	285	393	829	32	1143	195	34527	257	1604	8670	22269	430	70634	273
1912–13	709	1064	2509	561	3001	830	67347	365	2623	13118	36370	653	129150	277
1913–14	604	1018	2531	488	2634	735	61900	799	2800	12957	35739	692	122917	275
1914–15	581	791	2097	404	3566	678	57175	678	3235	13867	33956	735	117763	273

TABLE XII.

BRANCH EVENING READING ROOMS, PLYMOUTH.

Return of Monthly Issues and Attendance.

Month.	Laira.		Salisbury Road		Hyde Park Rd.	
	Issues.	Attendance.	Issues.	Attendance.	Issues.	Attendance
1914.						
April	401	544	167	1037	310	1000
May	487	751	204	1194	390	1334
June	372	538	161	986	299	1004
July	381	601	158	958	297	1120
August ...	*	*	42	216	331	1273
September ...	*	*	*	*	174	847
October ...	442	871	—	—	285	1370
November ...	353	730	—	—	296	1090
December ...	282	627	—	—	255	935
1915						
January ...	326	835	—	—	357	1258
February ...	338	711	—	—	284	1048
March ...	348	717	—	—	290	1005
Totals ...	3730	6925	732	4421	3568	13284

*Branches taken over by Military Authorities.

DEVONPORT LIBRARY, DUKE STREET.

Branch Annual Issues.

Branch.	No. of Books Issued.	Increase.
St. Budeaux	14813	1996
Station Road	12759	570
Peverell	6252	1111
Wilton Street	4556	1075
Weston Mill	2888	795
Morice Town...	1492	262
	42760	5809

TABLE XIII.

The following is a List of School Libraries with number of Volumes supplied from the Central Library.

Cattedown Road	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Charles'	Boys	100
,,	Girls	60
Compton	Mixed	100
Grey Coat	Boys	80
,, ,,	Girls	60
Holy Cross	Boys	50
Holy Trinity	Boys	50
Household of Faith	Girls	50
Hyde Park Road	Boys	150
,, ,, ,,	Girls	120
King Street	Boys	80
Laira Green	Boys	80
,, ,,	Girls	100
Mount Street	Boys	120
,, ,,	Girls	100
Oxford Street	Girls	100
Palace Court	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Prince Rock	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
St. Andrew's	Boys	80
,,	Girls	50
St. Boniface	Boys	50
St. Catharine's	Boys	20
,,	Girls	25
St. John's	Boys	80
,,	Girls	60
St. Peter's	Boys	100
,,	Girls	80
Salisbury Road	Boys	100
Sutton Road	Mixed	80
Technical Schools	Boys	100
Treville Street	Boys	100
Union Street	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Wolsdon Street	Girls	100
	TOTAL	3120

LIST OF PERIODICALS

SUPPLIED TO THE

GENERAL NEWS-ROOMS

AND EVENING READING ROOMS.

*Presented by Publishers and others. (*e*) Denotes Evening Reading Rooms

D—*Daily*. **W**—*Weekly*. **F**—*Fortnightly*. **M**—*Monthly*. **Q**—*Quarterly*.

*Abolitionist	M
*Acetylene	M
Agricultural Economist	W
Animal World	M
*Animal's Friend	M
*Animal's Guardian	M
Antiquary	M
Arbitrator	M
Army List	M and Q
*Aspirant (*e*)	W
Athenæum	W
*Auckland Star	W
Australasian	W
Autocar	W
*Banner of Israel	W
Bazaar, Exchange and Mart	TRI-W
*Belfast News	W
*Bideford Weekly Gazette	W
*Bird Notes	W
Birmingham Daily Post	D
Blackpool Gazette	W
Blackwood's Magazine	M
*Bladud	W
*Board of Trade Journal	W
*Bodmin Guardian	W
Bookseller	W
Boy's Own Paper	W
British Esperantist	M
British Journal of Photography	M
British Printer	BI-M
*British Temperance Advocate	M
British Weekly	W
British Workman (*e*)	M
Broad Arrow	W
Builder	W
Building News (*e*)	W
Burlington Magazine	M
Building World	W
Canada	W
Canadian Gazette	W
Captain (*e*)	M
Cassell's Magazine (*e*)	M
Cassell's Saturday Journal (*e*)	W
*Catholic Times	W
Century Magazine	M
Chamber's Journal	M
*Charles' Parish Magazine	M
*Christian Life	W
*Christian Science Journal	M
*Christian Science Monitor	W
*Christian Science Sentinel	W
Chums (*e*)	W
Church Gazette	M
*Church Intelligencer	M
*Church Life Record (*e*)	W
*Church Quarterly Review	Q
*Church Times	W
Civilian	W
*Clarion	W
Clerk	W
*Clerk of Works Association Journal	M
*Commerce of Liverpool	M
Connoisseur	M
Contemporary Review	M
Contract Journal	W
Contractors' Record	W
*Co-operative News	W

LIST OF PERIODICALS—*continued.*

Cornhill Magazine (*e*) ...	M
*Cornish and Devon Post . .	W
*Cornish Guardian	W
*Cornish Post	W
*Cornish Times	W
*Cornishman	W
*Cornubian	W
*Cornwall County News .	W
*Correspondent	W
Country Life (*e*)	W
County Gentleman	W
Cycling...	W
Daily Chronicle	D
Daily Citizen (*e*)	D
Daily Express (*e*)	D
Daily Graphic (*e*)	D
Daily Illustrated Mirror (*e*)	D
Daily Illustrated Sketch ...	D
Daily Mail (*e*)	D
Daily News and Morning Leader (*e*)	D
Daily Telegraph (*e*)	D
*Daily Telegraph (Australia)	D
*Dartmouth Chronicle ...	W
*Decorators' and Painters' Magazine	M
*Defender	M
*Deliverer	M
*Devon and Exeter Daily Gazette	D
*Devon and Somerset W. News	W
Devonshire Notes and Queries	Q
Dickensian	M
*East and the West	Q
Economic Review	M
Edinburgh Review	Q
*Educational Times	M
Electrical Review	W
Electrician	W
Engineer (*e*)	W
Engineering	W
Engineering Magazine ...	M
*English Churchman	W
English Mechanic (*e*) ...	W
English Review	M
Era	W
Exeter Diocesan Gazette ...	M
Family Friend	M
Feathered World	W
*Ferro Concrete	
Field	W
Financial News	D
*Fish Trades Gazette	
*Foresters' Miscellany ...	M
Fortnightly Review	F
*Freeman's Journal	D
*Freeman's Weekly	W
Gardener (*e*)	W
Gardener's Magazine ...	W
Gentlewoman	W
Globe	D
*Good Templars' Watchword	W
Graphic (*e*)	W
Great Thoughts	W
*Great Western Magazine (*e*)	M
Guardian	W
Hampshire Telegraph ...	W
Harper's Magazine	M
*Healthy Life	W
Hellenic Studies Journal ...	Q
*Herald of the Cross	M
*Herald of the Golden Age ...	W
*Herald of Health	M
Hibbert Journal	Q
*Humanitarian	M
Ilfracombe Chronicle ...	W
Illustrated London News (*e*)	W
Illustrated Western Weekly News (*e*)	W
*India	W
*Individualist	M
*Inquirer	W
*Insurance Agent	M
*Jewish Chronicle	W
*Journal of the Board of Agriculture	M
*Journal of British Architects	F
*Journal of Great Britain ...	M
Journal of Roman Studies ...	Q
*Journal of Victoria	M
*Justice (*e*)	W
*Kingsbridge Gazette ...	W
Knowledge	M
*Labour Leader	W
Labour News	W
Lady (*e*)	W
Lady's Field	W
Lady's Pictorial	W
Lady's Realm	M
*Launceston Weekly News ...	W
Lady's Pictorial	W
Lady's Realm	M
*Launceston Weekly News ...	W
Laundry Journal	W
Librarian	M
Library World	M
L' Independence Belge ...	D
Lloyd's Weekly	W

LIST OF PERIODICALS—*continued.*

*Local Government Chronicle	W
Local Government Journal ...	W
*Machinery Market ...	W and M
Manchester Guardian ...	D
*Mariner	M
*Melbourne Age	W
*Metropolitan (Local Government Journal)	W
*Mid-Devon Advertiser ...	W
*Mission Field	M
Modern Language Review ...	M
*Month (Catholic Magazine) ...	M
Morning Post (*e*)	D
*Motor Traction	W
Munsey's Magazine (*e*) ...	M
*Musical Herald	M
Musical Times	M
*Musician's Monthly Journal	M
Nash's Magazine	M
Nation (*e*)	W
*Nation in Arms	M
National Review	M
*National Temperance Quarterly	Q
Nature	W
Nautical Magazine	M
Naval and Military Record (*e*)	W
*Navy League Journal ...	M
Navy List	M and Q
*New Church Magazine ...	M
*Newquay Express	W
*New Zealand Farmer ...	M
Newton Times	W
Nineteenth Century	M
*North Devon Herald ..	W
*Northern Whig	D
Notes and Queries	W
*Nottingham Daily Express ...	D
*One and All	M
*Our Own Gazette	M
*Our Work	M
Outlook (*e*)	W
*Palestine Exploration Statement	Q
Pall Mall Gazette	D
Pall Mall Magazine (*e*) ...	M
*Paper Maker	M
*Patent Office Index	M
*Patent Office Journal ...	W
*Patent Office Journal (Australian)	W
Pearson's Magazine (*e*) ...	M
Pearson's Weekly ... (*e*) ...	W
Penny Magazine (*e*)	W
Penny Pictorial Magazine (*e*)	W
People (*e*)	W
*Philatelic Journal	M
*Phonetic Journal	W
Photography	W
*Plumbing Trade Journal ...	M
*Poor Law Officer's Journal ...	W
*Positivist's Review	M
*Present Truth	W
*Printer's Register	M
Public Opinion (*e*) .	W
Publisher's Circular .	W
Punch (*e*)	W
Quarterly Review	Q
Queen (*e*)	W
*Queensland Government Gazette	M
*Queensland Government Mining Journal	M
Quiver (*e*)	M
*Register of Deceased Seamen	M
*Reports—Marine Department, Board of Trade ...	M
Review of Reviews (*e*) ...	M
Reynold's Newspaper ...	W
*Royal Cornwall Gazette ...	W
*St. Andrew's Parochial Magazine	M
*St. Augustine's Parochial Magazine (*e*)	M
St. James' Gazette	D
*Salcombe Times	W
Saltash Gazette	W
Saturday Review	W
*Scotsman	W
Scribner's Magazine	M
*Secretary	W
Shipping Gazette and Lloyd's List	D
Shipping Weekly Summary	W
*Shipping World	W
Shop Assistant	W
*Shorthand Gazette	M
Sketch (*e*)	W
*South Australian Register ...	W
South Wales Argus	D
Spectator	W
Sphere (*e*)	W
*Staffordshire Advertiser ...	W
*Staffordshire Sentinel ...	W
Stage	W
Standard (*e*)	D
Statesman (*e*)	W
*State Correspondent ...	M
Stationery World	M
Strand Magazine (*e*) ...	M
*Student's Journal	M
Studio	M

LIST OF PERIODICALS—*continued.*

Sunday at Home (*e*) ...	M
*Tasmanian Mail	W
Tatler	W
Tavistock Gazette	W
*Temperance Advocate ...	W
*Theosophical Path	M
Times	D
Torbay News	W
*Torquay Directory	W
*Totnes Times	W
T.P.'s Weekly (*e*)	W
Trade Marks Journal ...	W
Trade Marks Journal (Australian)	W
Truth	W
*United Empire	M
*University Correspondent ...	F
*Vegetarian Messenger ...	M
*Vulcan	M
*Weekly Dispatch	W
*West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser	W
West Cornwall Advertiser ...	W
Western Daily Mercury (*e*) ...	D
Western Daily Press (Bristol)	D
Western Evening Herald (*e*)	D
*Western Guardian	W
Western Independent (*e*) ...	W
Western Morning News (*e*) ...	D
*Western Times	D
Western Weekly Mercury (*e*)	W
Westminster Gazette	D and W
*Weston-super-Mare Gazette...	W
Wide World Magazine ...	M
Windsor Magazine (*e*) ...	M
Woman at Home (*e*)... ...	M
Woman's Life	W
Women's Industrial News ...	M
*Worcester Herald	W
Work (*e*)	W
World	W
World's Work	M
Yorkshire Post	D
Young England	M

DIRECTORIES WILL BE FOUND IN THE HALL.

LECTURES (Ninth Course).

During Session 1914-15.

The following lectures were delivered, with few exceptions, on Saturday afternoons, from October 10th, 1914, to April 24th, 1915, and were largely attended. This list is in continuation of those given in previous reports :—

237. October 10th, 1914.—Mr. Reginald Waddy ; subject, "Charles Dickens and Music," with vocal and instrumental illustrations. Chairman, Rt. Worshipful the Mayor (Mr. Thomas Baker, J.P.).

238. October 17th, 1914. Borough Librarian ; subject, "Poetry of War-Time" ; assisted by Mr. Reddie Mallett. Chairman, Alderman W. Hornbrook, J.P.

239. October 24th, 1914.—Mr. John Hitchings ; subject, "Of Kings ; How some have been Deposed." Chairman, Dr. T. G. Vawdrey.

240. October 31st, 1914.—Mr. R. E. Pengelly ; subject, "John Galsworthy, Poet and Dramatist." Chairman, Mr. G. H. Lang.

241. November 7th, 1914.—Mr. J. J. Alexander, M.A. ; subject, "Mystery of Edwin Drood." Chairman, Mr. George P. Dymond, M.A.

242. November 14th, 1914.—Mr. W. P. R. Kerr ; subject, "Contemporary Poets." Chairman, Mr. H. Penrose Prance.

243. November 21st, 1914.—Mr. G. P. Dymond, M.A. ; subject, "Frederick the Great, of Prussia." Chairman, Alderman W. L. Munday.

244. November 28th, 1914.—Mr. James Baker, F.R.G.S. ; subject, "The War, its origin, and the Countries devastated by it." Chairman, Mr. R. A. J. Walling, J.P.

245. December 5th, 1914.—Miss M. P. Potter ; subject, "Brownings' Strafford." Chair taken by the Mayoress of Plymouth (Mrs. T. Baker).

246. December 12th, 1914.—Mr. F. E. Sach ; subject, "Wit and Humour of Don Quixote." Chairman, Rev. J. H. Crickmer.

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(c) A record shall be kept in the "Lending Book" of the names and addresses of the children making use of the Library, and the date and number of each book taken out or returned. Only one work at a time shall be taken by the same child.

(d) The whole of the children whose names appear on the Admission Register of the Department, and who are working in or above Standard III. shall be entitled to the benefit of the Library. The Principal Teacher may, however, have the right of withholding books from those who are known to have wilfully or carelessly damaged or injured any of the books taken out of the said Libraries.

(e) A specified time in each week, most convenient to each particular School, shall be fixed for the issue and collection of books, which shall apply to all children referred to in Section D, and such times shall be inserted on the labels affixed to the books, and shall be exhibited on a card hung on the walls of the Schoolroom.

(f) A list or catalogue of the books in the School, lent by the Library Committee, shall be hung in the School where it can be easily seen and referred to by the children.

(g) Each set of books at certain periods shall be returned direct to the Free Library ; books worn out or otherwise unfit for circulation being replaced by new copies or other works when deemed desirable. Any School Library may, however, be retained for a further term, if so desired by the Principal Teachers.

(h) All books in circulation, with the remaining portion of the School Library not in circulation, shall be collected together at the School for inspection twice in each year, immediately before the Summer and Winter holidays, or at such times as may be fixed by the Librarian.

(i) The General Rules of the Free Library Committee shall, as far as applicable, be observed, and the Teachers shall make such periodical returns as the Librarian may require.

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